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SUMMARY.

The King has commanded that a new and popular edition of the letters of Queen Victoria shall be issued.

Bulgaria has decided not to modify her standpoint in regard to the seizure of the Oriert railway.

She also insists upon the recognition of the diplomatic character of her representative at Constantinople.

It is reported that there is uneasiness among educated Turks at the possibility of Bulgaria shortly declaring her independence.

The Bulgarian Diplomatic Agent in London has been recalled for indiscreetly remarking that Bulgaria was ripe for independence.

In the contest for the chess championship, Lasker retains the title, scoring 8 games to 3 by Tarrasch.

President Roosevelt declines to reply to the last letter from Mr. Bryan, on the ground that the controversy is descending to personalities.

Mr. Bryan declares that if elected he will enforce the anti-trust laws persistently and consistently.

The "Daily Express" states that the formation of railway combines will enable the companies to enforce an all-round reduction of wages.

The revenue of the United Kingdom for the quarter ended September 30 amounted to £29,200,900.

A Turkish steamer ran down the ferry steamer Stamboul outside Smyrna, and sank her, 100 lives being lost.

M. Weiller, who purchased the French patent rights of the Wright aeroplane, has ordered a French firm to construct 50 of the machines.

Mr. J. Dillon, M.P., says it is his belief that the Irish cause, if killed in America, would soon die in Ireland.

Since the majority of the cotton mills of Lancashire closed there has been a great decrease in the consumption of engine coal.

The railway traffic has decreased, and many trains have been suspended.

A gang of 30 youths, by means of threats to use revolvers and bombs, captured the Warsaw to St. Petersburg mail train.

They overpowered the passengers, officials, guard, and six soldiers, and robbed the mail of between £15,000 and £25,000.

The floods at Haidarabad, in India, are worse than were at first reported. One estimate mentions the death roll at 10,000.

All the Powers have assented to the prohibition of the importation into China of morphia, except for medicinal purposes.

The Governor-General arrived in Sydney by yesterday's Melbourne express.

Lord Dudley will remain in Sydney about nine days. He then proceeds to Fremantle, to meet the Countess of Dudley.

Reuter's Agency has received a message from Suva that the American cruiser squadron had carried out its visit to Samoa.

The fleet returns to Honolulu, and will not visit Auckland or Australia.

The Federal Opposition met yesterday to consider Mr. Reid's proposal for the union of the two wings of the Opposition.

The proposal was well received, and it was resolved that Mr. Reid should convey the wishes of the meeting to members below the gangway.

The Auditor-General yesterday declined to make any reply to the remarks of Mr. Waddell in the Assembly the previous night.

He took his stand solely, Mr. Vernon said, upon the sections of the Act under which he held office.

The speeches in the Budget debate last evening had more direct reference to the Auditor-General's report than to the financial statement.

Mr. M'Gowen asked if the Premier intended to take steps to have the Treasurer's allegations proved.

The Premier replied that the statements would be dealt with in the course of debate.

Mr. James, who resumed the Budget debate, said that in many of his comments the Auditor-General made charges which bore their own refutation.

Mr. Waddell made a long statement defending his Treasury administration.

Incidentally he expressed regret for having applied the term "deliberate falsehood" to one of the statements in the report.

The Federal Treasurer regards the Commonwealth revenue for the past month as very satisfactory.

The second reading of the Navigation Bill was agreed to in the Senate, and the bill was taken into committee.

The Labour caucus resolved to ask its committee to examine the measure, and compare it with the previous bill.

The debate on the Seat of Government Bill was resumed in the House of Representatives yesterday.

Mr. Hans Irvine moved an amendment that a further opportunity be afforded of taking a ballot on other positions besides Dalgety.

Mr. Groom (Attorney-General) opposed the amendment, which, however, was carried by 26 to 19.

The Attorney-General detailed the arrangements proposed for taking the ballot.

In the House of Representatives Sir John Forrest moved that the States be divided into three electorates for the election of senators.

At present, he said, men unknown to the great majority of the electors of a State were sent to the Senate.

Sir John Forrest dealt with his subject at length, after which the debate was adjourned.

Mr. Wade says it is intended to increase the University endowment to enable a chair of agriculture to be established.

Mr. M'Gowen unfurled the new banner of the Wharf Labourers' Union at the Trades Hall.

The castaways from the steamer Aeon, which was wrecked on Christmas Island, arrived at Suva in the Manuka yesterday.

After the Aeon struck on the coral reef the boats could not be lowered for some time owing to the crew being panic stricken.

The Chinese looted the wreck. They were armed with knives and pistols, which they got from the cargo.

Mrs. Patrick, one of the passengers, gave birth to a daughter on the island the night before the castaways were rescued.

The Aeon lies on an even keel, 20 yards from the beach, but her recovery is hopeless.

The bottom has been knocked out, and the vessel is full of water. Given good weather much of the cargo could be saved.

An A.B. on board H.M.S. Gibraltar named G. E. Millen was tried by court-martial for throwing gun gear overboard.

The accused, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to two years' with hard labour, and to be dismissed the service.

The young man Prentice, who is supposed to have fallen out of a railway car near Blandford, died in hospital without regaining consciousness.

The Minister for Works promised a deputation to send officers to investigate the question of a railway from Molong to Cumnock.

A deputation from the Rosebery Park Racing Club asked for tram extension from Botany-road to the racecourse.

The Minister promised to consult his colleagues, and see if the line could be put in hand.

The Minister for Public Instruction opened the additions recently made to the Public school buildings at Naremburn.

The Baptist Assembly was opened yesterday morning with a mission breakfast tendered by Mr. Hugh Dixson.

Bush fires have occurred in the Hughenden (Q.) district. Glendower station has been almost entirely burnt out.

Miss Duffy, a governess at Carpentaria Downs station, has been found dead in bed with her throat cut.

There was an improved tone in silver and copper stocks on the Stock Exchange yesterday.

In gold stocks the Charters Towers and Gympie fields claimed attention. Despite the firmness of tin no business was recorded.

Weather Forecast.—Still unsettled, squally, and showery on the coast, but more particularly in the south.

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MOOLTAN...	10,000	Henning	Oct. 24	Oct. 27	Oct. 29
CHINA.......	8,000	Street...	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12
MOLDAVIA..	10,000	Gordon..	Nov. 21	Nov. 24	Nov. 26
HIMALAYA..	7,000	—	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 10
MONGOLIA..	10,000	Preston.	Dec. 19	Dec. 22	Dec. 24
			1909.	1909	1909.
INDIA.......	8,000	Vibert..	Jan. 2	Jan. 5	Jan. 7
VICTORIA...	6,500	Haddock	Jan. 16	Jan. 19	Jan. 21
MOREA.......	11,000	Brou....	Jan. 30	Feb. 2	Feb. 4
†MOOLTAN..	10,000	Henning	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 18
*CHINA......	8,000	Street...	Feb. 24	Mar. 2	Mar. 4
*MOLDAVIA.	10,000	Gordon..	Mar. 10	Mar. 16	Mar. 18
*MALWA....	11,000	—	Mar. 24	Mar. 30	April 1
*MONGOLIA.	10,000	Preston.	April 7	April 13	April 15
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AUSTRALIEN.....	Commander Verron..	Noon, Dec. 28
YARRA..........	Commander Sellier..	Noon, Jan. 25
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*BREMEN...	11,570	C. von Borell..	Nov. 28
*ROON......	8,022	C. Nahrath....	Dec. 26
*YORCK....	9,000	J. Randermann	Jan. 23
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ORIENT....	5,453	Staunton..	Oct. 17	Oct. 20	Oct. 22
aORGYA...	6,297	Laws......	Oct. 28	Nov. 3	Nov. 5
*ORTONA..	8,000	Collins....	Nov. 14	Nov. 17	Nov. 19
*OPHIR....	6,814	Healey....	Nov. 28	Dec. 1	Dec. 3
ORUBA....	5,971	Plunkett..	Dec. 12	Dec. 15	Dec. 17
*OMRAH...	8,282	Symons...	Dec. 26	Dec. 29	Dec. 31
OROTAVA..	5,980	Dagnall...	Jan. 9	Jan. 12	Jan. 14

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ORMUZ.....	6,465	Shelford...	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 28
ORIENT....	5,453	Staunton ..	Feb. 6	Feb. 9	Feb. 11
bOROYA...	6,297	Laws......	Feb. 17	Feb. 23	Feb. 25
*bORTONA.	8,000	Collins....	Mar. 3	Mar. 9	Mar. 11
*bORONTES	9,023	Ruthven...	Mar. 17	Mar. 23	Mar. 25
*bASTURIAS	12,002	Spooner...	Mar. 31	April 6	April 8
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†*MAKURA........	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Dec. 16
AORANGI........	Dec. 21	Dec. 23	Jan. 14
MOANA...........	Jan. 18	Jan. 20	Feb. 11
†*MAKURA........	Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Mar. 10
AORANGI.........	Mar. 15	Mar. 17	Apl. 8
*MARAMA........	Apl. 12	Apl. 14	May 5

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOSIAH PARISH, late of Frederickton, Macleay River, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the fifth day of November next, at 12.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court Commission will be applied for. Dated this 1st day of October, in the year 1908. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. J. GILFILLAN, Kempsey. By his Agent, A. W. E. WEAVER, Martin-place, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of AUGUST OFFNER, late of March, near Orange, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office, on or before the fifth day of November next, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 25th day of September, in the year 1908. (Signed) T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. M. A. CASEY, Proctor, Orange. By CURTISS and BARRY, 167 King-street, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HENRY HARGREAVES, late of Forbes-street, Newtown, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claims in the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the sixth day of November next, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this first day of October, 1908. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. ROBERT B. PARRY, Proctor for the Executors, 105 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ANDREW RUTHERFORD BROWN, late of Naranghi Park, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the ninth Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the eleventh day of November next, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this first day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. HAROLD P. WHITTY, Proctor for the Executors, Berrigan. By his Agent, H. PEDEN STEEL, 98 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN MACNAMARA EGAN, late of South Broken Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Baker, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, 1898, NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims upon or being otherwise interested in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at South Broken Hill aforesaid on the twenty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seven, and Probate of whose Will was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales on the fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seven, to DONALD OGG FARQUHAR and GATENBY ROBERT BOLTON, both of Broken Hill, the Executors named in the said Will, are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned, the Proctor for the said Executors, on or before the sixteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and eight, at the expiration of which time the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to the debts and claims only of which they shall then have notice; and the said Executors shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this twenty-sixth day of September, 1908. ANTHONY HALL, Proctor for the Executors, The Exchange, Argent-street, Broken Hill. By his Agent, A. W. E. WEAVER, Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM COLLARD COX ARNOLD, late of Leichhardt, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Engineer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration (with the Will annexed) of the estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANN HESTER ARNOLD, of Leichhardt, the Widow of the said deceased. All Creditors are required to send particulars of their Claims against the estate of the said deceased to the undersigned within the abovementioned time, and all notices may be served at the offices of S. F. BLACKMORE and SON, Proctors for Applicant, 67 and 69 Arcade, King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CATHERINE McNAUGHT, late of Ellerslie, near Candelo, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANNIE McNAUGHT and ELLEN JANE WILSON, the Executrices in the said Will named. All Creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claims, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. BLAND and CUNNINGHAM, Proctors for the Executrices, Bega. By their Agents, VILLENEUVE-SMITH, and DAWES, Solicitors, 28 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ANNIE MARIA LAMOTTE, late of the Glebe, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased (intestate) may be granted to FREDERICK CHARLES LAMOTTE, the eldest son, and one of the next-of-kin of the said deceased. All creditors and other persons having any claims against the Estate of the said deceased are hereby required to send in particulars of same within such period of fourteen days to the undersigned, upon whom all notices may be served. FRANK A. DAVENPORT, Proctor for Administrator, 81 Pitt-street.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EDWARD WILLIAM BANCROFT, formerly of the Oriental Hotel, Collins-street, Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, but late of Grimbly's Hotel, Brighton Beach, in the said State of Victoria, Retired Bank Manager, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted to THOMAS FRANCIS CREBER in respect of the above Will may be sealed with the seal of this Court; and all notices may be served at the office of WILLIAM H. DREW, Proctor, 14 Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELIZA MILLER, late of Hornsby, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM THOMAS McPHEE and SAMUEL JAMES McPHEE, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. PERCY C. LAW, Proctor for Executors, 1A Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN DOUGHTON, late of Albury, in the State of New South Wales, Bricklayer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to PETER BELL MUNRO and DAVID JOHN DOUGHTON, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the offices of Messieurs BRADLEY and SON, Proctors, 80 Margaret-street, Sydney, FLEMING and HENDERSON, Proctors for Executors, Albury.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of FRANCIS RUSHWORTH, late of Princes-avenue, Waterloo, in the State of New South Wales, Wool Classer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to RACHAEL RUSHWORTH, the Widow of the said deceased; and all notices may be served on the applicant at Princes-avenue, Waterloo.

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Sydney, 1st October, 1908.

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HAS BEEN POSTPONED
UNTIL FRIDAY, 9th OCTOBER.
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TO-MORROW NIGHT, OCTOBER 3.
In the Presence of
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TO-MORROW NIGHT.
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LUNCHEON.
THE TRIAL STAKES .... 2.10 p.m.
A.J.C. DERBY .... 2.45 p.m.
THE EPSOM HANDICAP .... 3.25 p.m.
THE SPRING STAKES .... 4 p.m.
THE KENSINGTON HANDICAP .... 4.40 p.m.

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SPORTS, AND ART UNION.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1908.
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Applicants to state salary required. Further particulars on application at the Council Chambers.
D. HOGAN, Town Clerk.
Manly, 30th September, 1908.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.
TO PAINTERS.
PAINTERS are required in the service of the City Council.
Applications to be made on forms, which are obtainable at the Town Hall, Sydney, on personal application, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. TO-DAY (Thursday), 1st October, and FRIDAY, 2nd October, to be RETURNED to the undersigned not later than 10 o'clock a.m. on SATURDAY, 3rd October.
THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney, 1st October, 1908.

PALACE.
CHARLEY'S AUNT HOLIDAY MATINEE.
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MONDAY AFTERNOON NEXT.
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The Box Plan is now open at Nicholson's.

PALACE.
THE FRANK THORNTON SEASON.
DIRECTION OF EDWIN GEACH.
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Box Plan at Nicholson's. Day Sales at White Rose. PRICES: 5s, 3s, 2s, and 1s. Early Doors to Gallery only 6d extra.
A. CLARK, Manager.

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The Brilliant Young Australian Actress,
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THE BOOKING.
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PRICES: D.C. and R.S., 3s; Stalls, 2s; Gallery, 1s. Early Doors, 6d extra.

POSITIONS VACANT.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.
CARTERS REQUIRED.
CARTERS required in the service of the City Council. Apply with cart to the officer in charge of Excavation Works at the Vacant Land, in Kent-street, at the rear of the Town Hall, as soon as possible.
THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney, 29th September, 1908.

OFFICE BOY, with experience, smart and respectable, refs. No. 7 Royal-chambers, C'reagh-Hunter sts.

PAINTERS wanted, new shops, Corso, Manly.

PAINTER.—BRUSH HAND, also BOY, used trade. Meet 7.15, outside Mosmans Ferry.

PATTERN MAKER, thor. compt., required for general work. Apply, stating age, etc., to Box 1660, G.P.O.

PLASTERER wanted. Apply Webster, Belmore-rd, Randwick.

PLASTERER'S LABOURER wanted. Searle's job, Washington-st, Kogarah.

PLASTERER'S LABOURER. New cottages, Brisbane-st, Waverley, near Bondi Junction.

PLATEN Feed Boy wanted, also Messenger. Apply F. Clark, 1 Rowe-st, city.

PLUMBERS.—Good GENERAL HAND. H. Thompson, 355 Darling-st, Balmain.

PLUMBER'S IMPROVER wanted. Corner, 131 George-st West.

PLUMBERS.—Wanted, good General Hand. A. Beard, 75 King-st, St. Peters.

REQUIRED, Jobbing COMPOSITOR, Northern Rivers. Apply Box 170, G.P.O.

RESPECTABLE GIRLS wanted. Enterprise Confectionery Co., 373 Elizabeth-st.

REPRESENTATIVE required for Maitland and District, splendid opening for energetic young man. Apply with copy of references to A. FINDLAY, St. Andrew's-street, West Maitland.

SHIRTS.—Wanted, Machinists and Finishers. Crown, 745½ George-st.

SHIRTMAKERS.—Trimmers, with, without collars, constant. Simpson, Knox-st, near Grace Bros.

SMART BOY wanted, just from school preferred. Apply early, Chapman, 167 Strand.

SMART YOUTH wanted. 8.30, Overmantel Co., Barlow-lane, near Trades Hall.

SMART young MAN wanted, between 18 and 20. Apply, refs., W. Norman, tailor, Crow's Nest.

SPORTSMAN'S CLERK wanted (reg. A.J.C.). Apply after 2 p.m., R. Thomas, 88 King-st.

STONEMASON wanted. Apply Painter, 8 o'clock, 56 City-rd, city.

SYDNEY HOSPITAL.
APPLICATIONS will be received up to 12 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, 7th inst., from Ladies desirous of being appointed HONORARY MASSEUSES to the Sydney Hospital. Three appointments to be made. Particulars on application to the Medical Superintendent between 10 and 11 a.m.
CHAS. H. HELSHAM, Secretary.

TAILORS.—COAT MACHINER wanted. Curter and Kelly, 236 Castlereagh-st.

TAILORESSES.—Two 1st-class Trous. Hands wanted, constant, outdoor. Lewis and Threlfo, 6 Rowe-st.

TAILORESSES.—Wanted, for country, Trouser and Vest Hands. Maine, Tillam, and Co., 51 York-st.

TAILORESSES.—In and Outdoor Trousers Hands wanted. M. Solomon and Son., 287 Clarence-st.

TAILORS.—Wanted, 2 first-class Coat Hands, constant employment. J. Aird, 19 Willoughby-rd, North S.

TAILORS.—Wanted, MAN, pressing and odd jobs. A. E. Minty, North Sydney.

TAILORESSES.—Smart GIRL to work button-sewer; also Apprentices, trousers. 433 Kent-st.

TAILORESSES.—First-class Trousers Finishers, constant. S. Weingott and Son, Ltd., 174 Sussex-st.

TO BUILDERS.—Smart Carpenter's Improver wants Job, town or country. C. D., Haymarket P.O.

TO PAINTERS.—Good General Hand, used to paperhanging. 7.30, A. Bishton, 374 Victoria-st, Dlst.

TO Tailoresses.—Wtd., good Trousers Hand, constant. David Grant and Co., 578 George-st.

TO TAILORESSES.—Coat Machinist wanted. H. Levy, Commercial-cham., 80 Bathurst-st, 2 sec. fl.

TRIMMERS wanted for motor car work. Apply Garrutts, Ltd., 180 Castlereagh-st.

TUCKPOINTERS. Apply on job, High-st, North Botany. W. Walder.

TO BRICKMAKERS.—Wanted, at once, for country, two good Slop Hands, 10s per 1000, clay on stool. Apply CHAS. BAILEY, Fairfowl-street, Dulwich Hill.

TO TAILORESSES.—Wanted, for southern Line, a good TROUSERS HAND, one able to make Vests if required. Constant billet and a good employer. Apply HOOPER and HARRISON, 57 York-street.

WANTED, a JUNIOR CLERK, good at figures, salary 12s 6d. Apply Alert, Herald, King-st.

WANTED, young GIRLS who can sew to learn shirt making. Louder and Willock, 165 King-st.

WANTED, Lady Assistants for showrooms, age to 18. Apply 385 George-st.

WANTED, Governess, Scone, £40, int. 11 a.m.; Gov., nr. Scone, £40, int. 2.30. Seymour, 156 K.-st.

WANTED, a few smart BOYS. Apply Bottling Department, Resch's, Ltd., Dowling-st, Redfern.

WANTED, exp. Factory CUTTER, for ladies' clothing. American Manufg. Co., 226 Clarence-st.

WANTED, LABOURERS, for concrete work. New Public School, Greenwich-rd, Greenwich.

WANTED, strong active BOY, for messages, etc. Brothwood, 82 King-st, city.

WANTED, smart CLERK, for insurance, salary £75 per ann. Apply, with references, Insurance, Herald.

WANTED, smart young Man, used ham, beef, and prov. trade, ref. Crown Catering Co., Circ. Quay.

WANTED, smart LAD for grocer's shop. Clark, 310 Liverpool-st, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, a YOUTH, for butcher's shop. Buttel, 93 Market-st, city.

WANTED, strong BOY, for Plumbing. 355 Darling-st, Balmain.

WANTED, smart Errand BOY, at once. 230 Pitt-st, city.

WANTED, Turner Improver, first-class. John Heine and Son, engineers, George-st, Redfern.

WANTED, a respectable BOY, to deliver orders. Apply 120 Walker-st, North Shore.

WANTED, BOY, for office, messages, etc. Engineer, Victoria Markets P.O.

WANTED, experienced COPPERSMITH. Pacific Foundry, Drufft-st.

WTD., Boy or elderly Man, for electric lift, references. Lyceum Cafe, 214 Pitt-st.

WANTED, first-class Cooper, with tools. Apply Smith, butcher, Rocky Point-rd, Banksia.

WTD., resp. and strong Youths, for factory. Apply Lichtner and Co., 57 and 59 George-st North.

WANTED, Improver to Bodymaking, or smart Jobber. Peters Bros., Meagher-st, Chippendale.

WANTED, a couple of BAG MENDERS. Peter Rasmussen, 34 Bridge-rd, Glebe.

WANTED, Person for plain sewing. Apply 22 Bridge-rd, Camperdown.

WANTED, 2 BOYS. Joyce Bros., 414 Elizabeth-st, city.

WANTED, STONE-BREAKERS. W. Westbrook, 11 Commonwealth-st, off Liverpool-st, city.

WANTED, BOY, wages 10s. Williams, chemist, 88 Darlinghurst-rd.

WANTED, a respectable YOUTH. A. A. Higgs, 233 William-st.

WANTED, Bricklayer and Hod-carrier. On job, Eglington-rd, tram terminus, Glebe Point.

WANTED, willing LADS, to learn bag repairing, 15s to commence. 330 Sussex-st.

WANTED, 12 resp. GIRLS, constant employment. Joyce Bros., Hay and Quay sts, Darling Harbour.

WANTED, BRICKLAYER. Apply 15 Broadway, Glebe. A. Slingsby.

WANTED, smart YOUTH, for Grocery trade. 60 [illegible]-st, city.

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POSITIONS VACANT.

WANTED, a SHOPMAN, for Saturday. Commonwealth Meat Mart, George-st West.

WANTED, YOUTH, some knowledge Cabinetmaking. Apply 9 o'clock, 39 Rose-st, city.

WANTED, smart all-round Boot Repairer, one used to pumps. Early. W. Stephens, 168 Bay-st, city.

WANTED, strong YOUTH, used to painting, at once. Apply 136 Johnston-st, Annandale.

WHEELWRIGHT'S Improver wanted for country, 20s and found, or 35s live out, fare pd. 180 C'rgh-st.

WANTED, smart LAD, for merchant's office, good prospects for the right lad. Apply in own handwriting, stating age and references, to
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MOSSMAN and ELLIS,
Quay-stret, Haymarket.

WANTED, smart young Traveller, for best city and suburban Softgoods Trade; must have experience, and with horse and trap preferred; would share expenses with another house, ref. reqd. FLOCO, Herald.

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WANTED, strong LADS, for Sawmill.
Apply
HOLDSHIP TIMBER COMPANY, Ltd., Pyrmont.

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Apply
GROCER, c/o Herald Office.

WANTED,
COMPETENT NURSERY GOVERNESS, assist with sewing, for boy aged 7 years.
Apply, with references, to
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WANTED, TWO PROBATIONERS to the LISMORE HOSPITAL. Applications close 12th OCTOBER.
Applicants not less than 18 years of age, forward three personal references, health certificate, also 6th-class educational certificate or equivalent.
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YOUTH wanted, for Office; good chance to learn. Apply 844, Herald Office.

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LEFT, in 3.20 train, Sydney to Belmore, Building Soc. Subscription Bk., J. Sutcliffe, Lincoln-st, Campsie.

LOST, Tuesday, Paddington, Black Notebook, address inside. Finder please ret. 288 Oxford-st, Pad'ton.

LOST, in or near Trafalgar-st, An'dale, Wed. morn., Guttapercha Sheet Cover; r. 121 Nelson-st, An'dale.

LOST, Gold Brooch, diamond, 2 sapphires, bet. Rockdale-Banksia; r. Mrs. Anderson, Judd-st, Banksia.

LOST, between Elizabeth and Oxford sts, Padd., SAFE KEY. Peel's, News Agent, 422 Oxford-st.

LOST, Wed. morn., Paddington or tram, Brown-paper Parcel, contg. gent.'s shirt; reward. 109 Jersey-rd.

LOST, Wed. night, about wharf, Mosman Bay, Brown Fur. Lipson, Jersey-rd, Pad., or T., 227 Padd. Bev.

LOST, Sept. 9 or since, Lady's Gold Waltham Watch and Chain, No. known; rew. 28 Leinster-st, Padd.

LOST, enamel Shield, pearl and turquoise, Greek letters; gd. rew. Forsyth, Railway-st, Chatswood.

LOST, Bunch of KEYS, between Post Office and Sissmore; rew. C. Johnston, Hill, Clark, O'Connell-st.

LOST, Airedale Terrier Dog, tan colour, Ashfield, Sun. night. Rewd. H. M'Pherson, Charlotte-st, Ashfield.

LOST, last Friday, between Tempe-Sydney, Brown FUR. Reward. Palmerville, Roseby-st, M'kville.

LOST, at Haberfield, Fox TERRIER, slut. Reward. Churchill, O'Connor-st.

LOST, at Turramurra, a Gold Medallion, with child's Miniature. Reward, Hillview, Turramurra.

LOST, Lyceum Hall Stalls, Silver-mtd. Umbrella. Rew., F. Swales, butcher, 28 Holborrow-st, Croy.

LADY'S H'bag left seat 2.30 boat, Manly. Finder returning to address on Bankbook well rewarded.

LOST, betw. Forest Lodge and city, Gold Bar Brooch, pearl cres.; rew. 45 Westmoreland-st, Forest L.

LOST, Gold Cable Bangle, Wed., padlock missing; reward. Return V. Latona, 123 Castlereagh-st.

LOST, railway station, Pymble, Leather Handbag, rly. ticket, silver, 5s; rew. Apply Herald Office.

LOST, Brown Fur, on or near Mosman wharf, Wed. night; rew. Lipson, Jersey-rd, Paddington.

LOST, the morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

P.D. CORSETS are known for the exclusive character of their Shape and Style.

REWARD.—Lost, gold bar Opal Brooch, bet. Chiltern-rd, Ridge-st, Tues. Milton, Chiltern-rd, Wil'by.

REWARD.—Will person seen picking up FUR BOA at Newtown-road, 5.30 p.m., Thursday, kindly return to IMPERIAL HOTEL, Parramatta-road, Leichhardt.

WILL gent. who found GLASSES in King-st, Newtown, kindly return to 45 King-st, Newtown.

WILL BOY who picked up PARROT in back lane of Tangaluma, Old Canterbury-road, please return to save further trouble?

FOUND on Wednesday, a Purse. Description to E. Downs, 20 Church-st, Balmain, after 6 p.m.

FOUND, a BANGLE, Glebe Point. Apply 46 Forsyth-st, Glebe Point.

RANDWICK POUND.—Two black and white HEIFERS, not branded red and white Heifer; roan and white Heifer, not branded. If not released, will be SOLD NEXT THURSDAY, 8th October, 1908.

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.

MALT Vinegar, bulk, bottle: Monk's Vinegar Wks., Henderson-rd, Alexandria. Sold by all grocers.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY, Oct. 5.—Rickard's Auction, 3 o'c., Coogee Building Sections. Plans, 84B Pitt-st.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

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CLOSES POSITIVELY TO-DAY, AT 6 P.M.

THE DRAWING will be carried out in the presence of the subscribers, the Press, and the Police, and will take place in the HALL OF ROYAL-CHAMBERS, Hunter and Castlereagh streets, at

8 P.M., TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 3rd OCT.

Call for Shares at once, or Send Two Stamped Addressed Envelopes, with Postal Notes of 5/, for Each Share required. Shares for participation will be forwarded by Return Post, with Full Prospectus. (Stamps NOT accepted as payment.)
V. GEARY, General Manager.

THE MUTUAL LOAN AGENCY, LIMITED, SUTTON'S-CHAMBERS, 17 PITT-STREET, CIRCULAR QUAY, SYDNEY.

NOTICE.—Applications for Agencies are being received from Auctioneers, Estate Agents, News Agents, and other Leading Business Firms throughout all the Cities and Towns of the Commonwealth, so that Ballot Shares will in future be issued by all such Agents. This will prove a great convenience to subscribers in all parts of the Commonwealth, and, upon the list of such Agents being complete, the names and addresses of same will be regularly advertised, with the Company's Prospectus, for the benefit of all the Country and Interstate Residents.

A GREAT SHOP FOR THE BEST LAWN MOWERS, WOOD LATTICE WORK, WIRE GARDEN ARCHES, WIRE FLOWER STANDS, CANARY AND PARROT CAGES, CANARY BREEDING CAGES, CANARY BREEDING REQUISITES, CANARY AVIARIES, ALL SIZES. WIRE GARDEN SEATS AND CHAIRS. EASTWAY'S, THE WIRE MEN, GEORGE-STREET, 7 Doors Below Post Office.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT, 1908.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRADE UNION.
TAKE NOTICE that "The Electrical Trades Union of New South Wales," Trade Union, did, on the thirtieth day of September, 1908, make application to the Industrial Registrar to be registered under the "Industrial Disputes Act, 1908," and that any objection to such registration, on the ground that another Trade Union to which the members of the said applicant Trade Union might conveniently belong, has already been registered under the said Act, shall be lodged with the Industrial Registrar in the prescribed form within two weeks from the date of the making of the application above mentioned.
G. C. ADDISON, Industrial Registrar.
Sydney, 2nd October, 1908. (4a50)

WE WANT TO SEE YOU AT MORTLAKE.
We are selling Land at Mortlake on SATURDAY (that is TO-MORROW). Good land it is, too, and we would like to see you at the sale of it.
The best-positioned Building Lots in Mortlake describe the NASH'S ESTATE. The land is level, handy to the ferry, just off the tramline, and adjoins the Golf Links.
The Public School and St. Patrick's are just across the road, no fewer than three Churches handy, and the Fire Station is just opposite.
The allotments are big ones, Torrens Title, and as the Gasworks provide plenty of employment, Mortlake is naturally peopled by a very steady and hard-working people.
Gas and water are available, and very pretty views indeed of the Parramatta River may be obtained.
Now this auction provides the opportunity to secure Cheap Land. Not Poor Land, mind, but Great Value in Real Estate for little money.
The vendors are determined to make a clearance, if possible, and if NASH'S ESTATE does not sell, it won't be on account of high or impossible upset prices.
£1 down and 10s month are the terms for this land, and taking everything into consideration, this arrangement is a very generous one indeed.
OUR SPECIAL FREE TRAM leaves Burwood Station for the land at 2.27 p.m., and trains leave Sydney at 1.17, 1.23, 1.30, and 2.5.
Plans and Full Particulars from
ARTHUR RICKARD AND CO., LTD., 84B PITT-STREET, Auctioneers and Realty Specialists.

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS.
It is good for a drink in the first place.
It is good as a Tonic.
If you get run down, take a little before meals, and at bedtime.
It is good. It goes straight to the places that need help.
WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF J. J. GILES, Contractor, ST. MARYS, PENRITH.
ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate must be rendered before FRIDAY, 16th day of OCTOBER INSTANT, otherwise they will not participate in the benefit of any distribution made before such Claims are admitted.
FREDERICK J. SMITH, F.C.P.A., Incorporated Accountant,
7 Moore-street, October 2nd, 1908.

NOTICE OF PARTNERSHIP.
I have this day admitted Mr. WILLIAM BEAUMONT SMALL, Associate of the Australasian Corporation of Public Accountants, and also Associate of the Sydney Institute of Public Accountants, as a PARTNER in my business, and it will in future be carried on at the old address Imperial-chambers, 16 O'Connell-street, Sydney, under the firm name of E. A. HARRIS and SMALL.
E. A. HARRIS, F.C.P.A., Incorporated Accountant.
Imperial-chambers, 16 O'Connell-street, 1st October, 1908.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—To Friendly Society Secretaries, Members, and Others, who posted Letters or money that should have been received by me yesterday, WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30, know, that no acknowledgment of same will be due to same not coming to hand, some having been found in the street by neighbours and brought to me.
R. J. MANGAN, Secretary, Court 7614, A.O.F.

WHY pay exorbitant prices for Spectacles when you can have each eye tested separately and have the very best lenses in solid nickel frames, 5s; Solid Gold, 12s 6d; Rolled Gold, from 2s 6d; Gold Filled, 10 years' guarantee to keep its colour, will stand the test of nitric acid, 7s 6d with case; Brazilian Pebbles, 2s 6d; Double Vision, 5s 6d. B. Barnett, Scientific Optician, 80 Pitt-st, 3 drs. from the Water and Sewerage Board.

ANDREW REAVELEY, only son of the late C. Reaveley, Elder-street, Lambton, N.S.W., wishes to Thank all, specially Mrs. E. Reaveley, Son, and Family, for their kind attention, and for keeping my Father for 17 years. A. REAVELEY, 126 Grace-street, Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.—The Public are hereby WARNED that FIELD FIRING with Ball Ammunition will be carried out on the Point between Long Bay and Maroubra Bay, in the direction of the sea, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on October 3 and October 10.
H. DAKIN, Lieut., Secretary.

MESSRS. M'Evilly and M'Evilly, Solicitors, wish to notify that they have Removed from Terry's-chambers to Belmont-building, 15 C'reagh-st, opp. their recent offices. Dated October 1, 1908.

WATCHES CLEANED, 2s; BEST ENGLISH MAINSPRINGS, 2s, REPAIRS guaranteed one year. NOLAN, TIME, and CO., 702 George-street, Haymarket.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY, Oct. 5.—Rickard's Auction, 3 o'c., Coogee. Building Sections. Plans, 84B Pitt-st.

OERTEL'S CORDIALS have no equal for flavour, wholesomeness, moderate price. Tel., 393 N'town.

JAMES H. ADGER, Skin Specialist and Hair Culturist, has Removed right opp. Hotel Australia.

SUTTON'S TOURIST AGENCY for cheap Travelling, greatly reduced rates. 108 Pitt-st, opp. G.P.O.

LONGSHAW for Keys, Locks, and Repairs; Safes opened. Tel., 3281. 279 Pitt-st, next School of Arts.

RICKARD'S Auction, To-morrow, Sat'day. Home Sites, Mortlake. £1 down, 10s month. Plans, 84B Pitt-st.

GENTLEMEN, send us your Razors to be sharpened. Craig and Aitken, 654 George-st.

BARRISTERS' WIGS, all sizes in stock (Ravenscroft, maker, London). Craig and Aitken, 654 George-st.

WANTED, 5000 Customers to try my famous Suits to meas., 50s. Myerson, 752 George-st, Haymarket.

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.P. LIFE OFFICE.—If you desire particulars, call, write, or ring up Tel. 2179 and I will call. JOHN B. YOUDALE, City Agent, 108 Pitt-street, opposite G.P.O.

P.D. is the name of the Latest Creation in CORSETS.

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BUSINESSES FOR SALE OR WANTED.

WARDEN, Hoffnung's-chambers, 163 Pitt-st, next to G.P.O.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—A well-built Hotel, off Wm.-st, doing good trade, £300, or offer.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Hotel, Pyrmont, has avgd. over 400 36's yrly past 6 y., r. £4, £850, full pr.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Hotel, Newtown, lease 10 years, rent £3, takings £40 weekly, £800.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Hotel, central George-st corner, all bar trade, best in market for £1600.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Suburban HOTEL, without any opposition, in large district, a capital 16-rmd. Residence, thoroughly furnished, plenty of land, an ideal home, tkgs. £35 w., r. £2, full profits £575.

WARDEN.—Hotel, near city, rent £4, invoices £136 monthly average, lease 9, £450. 163 Pitt-st.

JOSEPH and CO., Business Agents (est. 1866).—Largest register Businesses, Board.-houses. 106 King-st.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Macquarie-street, 21 rooms, grandly furnished, valuable piano, very clean, large interstate and country connec., 20 boarders, must sell, cheapest ever offered, £350. Joseph, 106 King-st.

BOARDING-HOUSE, detached, 16 rooms, rent 35s, well furnished, good piano, billiard table, old estab., 14 permanent boarders, cause selling leaving Sydney, bargain, £300. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-st.

RESTAURANT, grand city position, clear profits £5 weekly, trial given, 13 rooms, neatly furnished, same hands many years, perm. connec., sound investment, principals only, £150. JOSEPH, 106 King-st.

MIXED Business, railway line, gen. trade, same hds. 4 yrs., £10, stock at val., £60. Joseph and Co.

MILLINERY Bus., splendid sub., sound little biz, fully stocked, sacrifice, only £15. Joseph and Co.

HAM, Beef, Smallgoods, Pork Butcher, leading busy city position, takings £40 weekly, trial, estab. 35 years, good residence, rent 45s, marble fittings, 2 computing scales, plant, £220. JOSEPH, 106 King-street.

NEWS Agency, Stationery, sound bus., easily managed, trial, well stocked, £175. Joseph and Co.

JOSEPH and CO., Hotel Brokers, 106 King-street, 2 doors from Pitt-st. Estab. 1866. 'Phone, 1346.
HOTEL, suburb, heavy traffic, 5 hhds. week, £1150.
HOTEL, sports ground, 5 x 36 Tooth's week, £375.
HOTEL, shipping corner, 5 x 27 week, bargain, £220.
HOTEL, facing new markets, lease 10 years, easy rent, taking £45 week, no jug, £550.
HOTEL, leading George-street corner, £80 wk., £1350.
HOTEL, Redfern corner, lease 5, rent £2, £150.
HOTEL, Surry Hills, rent £2, taking £18 wk., £100.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, suburb, main rd., lse. 13 yrs., rt. £3, 8 x 27, Tooth's, well fur., £800. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, at railway, lse. 8½ yrs., rt. £4, taking £55, good reason, price £700. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, sub., free house, lse. 7 yrs., rt. £2 10s wk., taking £35, pr. £450. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Surry Hills, must be sold this day, price £75, or offer. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, tram terminus, taking £30 per week, increasing daily, price £200. 134 Pitt-st.

MANUF. Bus., estab. great number yrs., excel. turnover, £3000. Further parts., Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

MILLINERY, Dressmaking Bus., cl. £3 10s wk., all private customers, £120. Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

PASTRYCOOK'S, Aerated Waters, etc., best country town, £2000 p.a., £1055. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

BOARDING-HOUSE, city, 2 houses comb., well fur., 15 per. bdrs., 10 ldgrs., £400. Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

DAIRY, g. sub., 120 qts. daily, 5d qrt., grows own feed, a sacrifice, £250. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

RESTAURANT and Mixed BUSINESS for Sale, must sell. Apply to Newsagent, 25 Abercrombie-st, c.

RYAN, Agent, 8 Post Office-chrs., 114A Pitt-st, opposite G.P.O., Sydney. Telephone, 3936.

RYAN.—Hotel, W subs., rent £2 5s, does 7 x 18 xxx wk., can be improved., £185. 114A Pitt-st.

RYAN.—Hotel, busy workingman's sub., cl. lge. wks., l. 8 y., 6 x 36 xxx wk., an imp. trade, £850.

RYAN.—Hotel, central Geo.-st corner, gd. city con., takes £120 wk., thor. up date, £1400. 114A Pitt-st.

RYAN.—Elite neighbourhood, 7 yrs.' l., takings £60 wkly., 8 x 36 xxx, billiards, £950, or offer.

RYAN.—Hotel, thickly pop. sub., draws 4 x 36 xxx wk., sm. loan, suit beginner, £250. 114A Pitt-st.

RYAN.—Hotel, N.W., 8 y. lease, takes £80, £800. Hotel, S., 7 yrs.' l., £25 tkgs. wkly., £180.

RYAN.—Hotel, N. town, takes £120, can finance, £2500; Htl., S., 9 y. lease, r. £2, tks. £30, £350.

MIXED BUSINESS, railway suburb, trade £18 weekly, very old estab., plant and stock, all at £95. Must be sold. A real snap. (255)

GROCERY BUSINESS, leading suburb, books open to inspection, splendid p[illegible], owner retiring from business on compet[illegible] (252)

NEWS AGENCY and B[illegible] papers weekly, 500 books, large d[illegible] £70. (232)

REGISTRY OFFICE [illegible] Agency, profits £3 week, good c[illegible] 20 yrs, £45. (251)

HAM and BEEF BUS[illegible] splendid position, good dwelling, [illegible] largely increased, £90 will secure [illegible] (247)

Tel., 4822. [illegible] and CO., Auction[illegible] Brokers, 114 Pitt-street.

NEWSAGENCY [illegible] Groceries, doing 2400 pa[illegible] trade £14 weekly, Pony, Trap, 2 [illegible] Fittings, etc.; rebuilding going [illegible] compact run, suit family or youn[illegible] hands 5 years, established agency, [illegible] buyer. Apply 400 W[illegible] minutes off George-street West.

MASSIE and [illegible] Castlereagh and Park sts.—Boar[illegible] 60 bdrs., £1000.

MIXED Bus[illegible] hands, takings £14, stock, pl[illegible] £70. 180 C'reagh-st.

FOR £15, [illegible] plant, shop, good dwelling, [illegible] 180 C'reagh-st.

GROCERY [illegible] close to city, bright corner sh[illegible] rooms, rent 15s, good clean stock, [illegible] to-day £45, bargain. MASSIE and [illegible] Castlereagh and Park sts.

BAKERY [illegible] waves and smallgoods, carts, h[illegible] 180 Castlereagh-st.

RESTAURA[illegible] tak. £30, furniture, fittings, [illegible] given. 180 C'reagh-st.

CONFECTI[illegible] Library, r. 12s 6d, rms., [illegible] £45. 180 Castlereagh-st.

BOSTOCK [illegible] AGH-STREET.
FREEHOL[illegible] furniture and all necessary appliances, [illegible] corner, averages 6 x 36's week, at present [illegible] per week, takings £50, new house, show [illegible] of 15 per cent. on capital value; high [illegible] as a sale investment for investor re[illegible] full price £3250. Terms.

HOTEL, [illegible] state wharfs, draws 36 x 36's mth., [illegible] long lease bargain, £1050.

HOTEL, [illegible] 13 years' lease, only £3 rent, [illegible] only £750. 12 Crgh.-st.

GROCERY [illegible] situated good suburb, takings [illegible] opposition, fittings, scales, etc, and [illegible] 20 the lot, stock valuation, about [illegible] Books [illegible] receipts shown to genuine buyers. BRETNALL, 5 Hunter-street.

FIRST [illegible]—Newsagency, 5000 papers, stock £[illegible] trial, £400. Phillips, Challis-h.

FIRST [illegible]—Best part Oxf.-st, Cater. and Pastry [illegible] £125. Phillips, Challis-house.

GEN[illegible] £35, good dwell., all stock, for [illegible] Challis-house, Martin-place.

EST[illegible] COUNTRY BAKERY BUSINESS, [illegible] COUNTRY DISTRICT. Tr[illegible] wkly. at 3½d. 2 horses, 2 carts. [illegible] In same hands 9 years. [illegible] TRIAL ALLOWED.

WILLIA[illegible] and CO., 158 Pitt-st, opp. Strand.

FOR [illegible] Small BUSINESS, Fruit, [illegible] £30, stock £40, in country to[illegible]
[illegible] F. CHILTON, Belmore Markets.

O[illegible] MASSAGE CONNECTION [illegible] lin, New Zealand, latest electric[illegible] lars from Miss ARMSTRONG, Mos[illegible]

F[illegible] 50 miles Sydney, principally [illegible] paying concern, owner retiring, [illegible] AGENCY, Otis-chambers, 82 [illegible] 4306.

R[illegible] situated heart of city, takes £30 [illegible] 100 at once, everything complete, [illegible] good warehouse connection, price [illegible] and Conf Bus, Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

[illegible] NARRABEEN.—BOARDING and BUSINESS for SALE, well furnished [illegible] prospects. W. B. DOUST, Sydney [illegible] street, Sydney.

[illegible]—Grocers and Fruiterers, drinks, pastry, [illegible] taking £10 £11 a week, for Quick [illegible] c.o. Labour Agency, 42 Hunter-street [illegible] phone, City 951.

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NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Boarding-house, Dhst., 14 rms., etc, piano, furniture, £160.

BOARDING Establishment, best position North Sydney, 18 rooms, kitchen, etc, well furnished and appointed house, first-class connection, piano, plate, furniture, etc, £450. Needham and Co., 31 Elizabeth-st.

LODGING-HOUSE, Church-hill, 9 rms., well-known house, always full, furniture, etc, £45. Needham.

NEWS AGENCY, Stationery, etc, growing district, nice shop and dwelling, doing over 3200 papers, increasing daily, shop trade £17, full agency, well worth attention, £475. NEEDHAM and CO.

BOOTMAKING and Repairing Business, shop, 5 rms, trade £20 weekly, all plant etc, £90. Needham.

DAIRY, western suburb, 7 rooms, bails, etc, 10 acres land 200 qts., top prices, 24 good cows, 4 horses, 2 carts, all utensils necessary for dairy, over 16 years present hands, £400. Needham and Co., 31 Eliz.-st.

RESTAURANT, best part city, saloon, kit., 5 rms., trade £40, chairs, tables, utensils, £135. Needham.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Butter Run, 8 boxes butter, quantity eggs, etc, horse, cart, £110.

GENUINE, clean, well-stkd. Grocery and Mixed, suit lady, £50, barg. Stevens, agt., 2 Flinders-st, D'hst.

LODGING-HOUSE, fully furn., 8 rs., rent 23s, for quick sale £27. Stevens, 2 Flinders-st, D'ghurst.

HAM, BEEF SHOP, Junction tram, busy thoroughfare, marble fittings throughout, perfect order, estab. 12 yrs., £90, sound bargain.
HITTMANN'S, 61 ELIZABETH-STREET. Tel., 1241.

FOR SALE, old-established Fruit, Greengrocery, and Milk Business, doing good trade; also first-class Covered Van and Harness, etc., £140.
323 Parramatta-road, Leichhardt.

MICK RUSH, 49 CASTLEREAGH-STREET. HOTEL, lease 5, rt. £3, 5 x 27, s. loan, £140. HOTEL, nice Tooth's house, ls. 8, rt. £3 5s, average 7 x 27 beer, s. ln., cash £450.

KIOSK and Refresh. Rm., etc, best class leading seaside, a sacrifice, no agents, price, everything, £80; assets cover over £130, at your own val. Basement of 38 Elizabeth-st, near Hunter-st, to-day.

FOR Sale, genuine Cash Butchering Business, doing real good trade, corner shop, main road, fitted up to date, principals only. W. MORRISS and CO., 14 Mary-street, Newtown, opp. P.O.

SOUND MIXED BUSINESS, £30. 319 Oxford-st, Paddington.

STEAM LAUNDRY, clear profit £8 wk., price £250, trial. Alex. Cornbloom, 21 Elizabeth-st.

TEA and Lunch. Rms., high-cl. con., clearing £4 10s wk., sure living. 115A Bathurst-st, city.

MILK RUN.—18 gal. daily at 4d. F. Jordon, 129 Nelson-st, Annandale.

BOOT TRADE.—For Sale, a Boot Repairing Business, good stand. W. Sheppard, Illawarra-rd, M'kville.

CHEAP.—Barbers' Chairs, Mirr., Urns, Glass Part., Doors, Port. Coppers. Elliott's, 493 George-st.

LITHGOW.—Sup. Boarding-house, opp. works, fully furn., piano, £120, 7 brdrs. 82 Crystal-st, Pshm.

BUSINESS for Sale and Wanted. Lake and Co., 310 Oxford-st, Paddington.

GROCERY BUSINESS, small shop, low rent. Barlow and Co., Ltd., 388 Sussex-st.

FRUIT, Confect., Soft Drinks, Geo.-st, nr. railway, £250. White and Co., Barlow-st, Haymarket.

FOR Sale, Western subs., cash Grocery Business, rent 10s 6d, price £60. W. B. Co., P.O., Ashfield.

BLACKSMITH and Wheelwright's Shop, gd. sub., will let to good man. A. M'Nicol, Manly.

FOR SALE, Boarding-house, gd. pos., Redfern, piano, 7 permt. boarders, £80, no agts. B.M., P.O., Red.

BILLIARD-ROOM for Sale, good city pos., 6 tables, low rent, takes £750 p.a. Billiards, Herald Brch.

A SNUG little Mixed Bus., nr. Public School, shop, 4 rs., rent 10s, urg. reas., £10. 245 Oxford-st.

HORSES, VEHICLES, & LIVE STOCK.

COOK'S, for Pretty, High-class, or Reliable New and Second-hand Vehicles; 2 and 4 wheeled Dogcarts, Sociables, Landaus, Victorias, Sulkies, all styles; Express, Surveyors', and Hawkers' Waggons; Lorries, Timber Drays, etc.; also Harness. Inspection always invited at 218 Pitt-street. Tel., 3091.

SOCIABLES, Park Phaetons, and Carryalls, very large stock, bargains. Cook's, 218A Pitt-st.

ELLIOTT'S CLEARANCE SALE.—200 New, S.-hand Vehicles, Sulkies, Bent-shaft, Longtray, Miniature Buggies, 2 and 4 wheeled Dogcarts, Sociables, light Drags, Box, Pagnel, Village, Butchers', Bakers', Milk, Butter Carts, Vans, Waggonettes; Lorries (carry 25 to 80 cwt); 6 light 'Buses, Wheels, Axles, 100 Sets Double, Single Harness; good Hearse, Handcart, Water Troughs. Elliott's, Prac. Cbldr., 493 Geo.-st. T., 2447.

CASH OR TERMS.—Ten Horses and Ponies from £3; 40 Vehicles of every description; Covered Waggon, £10; New Waggon, £15; Butter Cart, £5; New Sulkies, from £10; Spring Vans, £7; Buggy, £10; Pony Sulky Turnout, £12; 10 Hilder Dealers' Vans; 40 Sets of Harness. 41 Engine-st, H'market.

SQUARE and COMPASS SALEYARDS, 706 George-street, Haymarket.—Draught Horse, trial, £8; Brk. Cart, £7; Tipcart, new, cheap; Springcart, £5; Market Gardener's Cart, cheap; small Pony, £7; Baker's Cart, £7; Butchers', Spring, and Milk Carts; Horses, Harness, and Waggon, must sell.

TWENTY Horses and Mares, light and heavy, from £4; new and second-hand Vehicles of every description; new Sulkies, from £8; Butchers', Bakers', Grocers', Village Carts, £4; Dealer's Turnout, £10; new Tipcart Turnout, £18; Delivery Van Turnout, £16. 585 George-street, opp. Anthony Hordern's.

COUNTRY Visitors and Others.—First-class SULKY, slide seat, 2 shafts; black Horse, by Tuxedo, 14.3, fast and quiet, and sup. Brass Harness, owner no use, best offer. 156 Bridge-road, Glebe Point.

AUCTION SALE, WED., 7th, Kogarah Saleyards, HORSES, Cattle, and Vehicles.
J. F. HEGERTY, Auctioneer, Rockdale.
Bookings invited.

HAWKER'S Waggon, Horse, Harness, £16; Butcher's Cart, Horse, Harness, £12; Dealer's Van, Horse, Harness, £9; Village Cart, £5; New Sulkies, from £6; Milk Cart, £4. 171 Devonshire-st, Surry Hills.

MCNAMARA'S for Sociables, Sulkies, Carryalls, Phaetons, Buggies, Express and Surveyors' Waggons, Springcarts, Harn., and Saddlery. Inspection invited. McNamara's, 157 C'reagh-street. Tel., 1827.

DEALER'S Van, Horse, Harness, £8; Village Cart, Horse, Harness, £9; Pony Cart, £6. 169 Palmer-st.

EXPRESS Waggon, £6; Sulky, £5; Van, £4; Boxcart, £3; Milkcart, £6; Horse, £4. 169 Palmer-st.

ACTIVE VAN HORSE, any trial. Paxton Bros., 591 Goulburn-st.

MUST Sell, honest PONY, suit dealer's cart, any trial, £8 10s. Blacksmith, Angel-st, Newtown.

SALE, second hand Bent-shaft Sulkies, with hoods; Sporting and Straight Shafts. 162 Bay-st. T., 448 Gl.

HOODED SULKY and Harness, good order, cheap, suit 14-hand pony. 19 Short-st, Forest Lodge.

SALE, new Single LORRY, second-hand Baker's Cart, Pocock, 144 Walker-st, Redfern.

FOR Sale, SULKY, £8 10s, no further use. Edgell, Warren and Livingstone-rd, Marrickville.

FOR Sale, Pony VAN, also Dealer's Van, pair Truck Wheels. 128 Wyndham-st, Alexandria.

SALE, strong, full-size Van, or Exchange for small Van. Ronda, Pile-st, Marrickville.

PAIR Grey Horses, four-wheeled Dogcart, and Harness. Dr. Nash, 211 Macquarie-st North.

PONY, Sulky, and Harness, good condition, cheap. 46 Foster-st, Leichhardt.

FOR SALE, Tipdray, Horse, and Harness, good lot, any trial. 33 Denham-st, Surry Hills.

FOR Sale, Tipcart Turnout, lot or sep., any trial, cheap. 79 Cascade-st, Paddington.

FOR Sale, a good Sulky and a Set of Harness, nearly new, price £7 10s. 28 Myrtle-st, nr. City-rd.

POLE LORRY, suit brick or general work. Apply 21 Bray-st, Erskineville, near St. Peters Bridge.

FOR Sale, Box Body Pony Cart, price £2 5s. 105 Mitchell-rd, Alexandria.

SALE, Bay Mare, 14.2, quiet and rel., lady drive, £8; small Van and Harn., £4. 67 Park-st, E'ville.

HEAVY Draught Horse, Dray, and Harn., any trial, cheap. H. Parker, 618 King-st, Newtown.

SALE, Dealer's Van, built by Hilder, set nickel-mtd. Harn., and Sulky. 38 Phillip-st, Enmore.

WANTED, strong, active HORSE for express waggon. Wm. Brooks and Co., Ltd., 17 Castlereagh-st.

WANTED, one or two good Milking GOATS, cheap. State price. R. H., Rookwood P.O.

WANTED, a very Light BUTCHER'S CART. Homburg, Chatswood.

DEAD HORSES and Cows bought to 10s a head, live to £1. J. Connelly, Tel., 338 Redfern.

DEAD and Worn Out Horses Bought, highest price given. W. Tuneth, Bank-st, Chippendale. T., 236 R.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY, Oct. 5. Rickard's Auction, 3 o'c., Coogee, Building Sections. Plans, 84B Pitt-st.

RICKARD'S Auction, To-morrow, Sat'day. Home Sites, Mortlake. £1 down, 10s month. Plans, 84B Pitt-st.

AUCTION SALES.

UNRESERVED SALE of HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE ETC.
Under instructions from F. HUNT, Esq., who is leaving for England, the whole of his Household Furniture, etc., consisting of:—
Tables, Chairs, 2 Sewing Machines, Duchesse Chests, Washstands, Carpets, Ice Chests, Double Heavy-mounted Bed, Sideboard, Carpets, Linoleums, Splendid Clock, Ornaments, Single Beds, Two Stretchers, Dresser, Meat Safe, Box of Tools, Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc.
Also, 100 Pairs LADIES' CORSETS (best makes), 1000 Yards Torchon and Insertion Lace.
The above will be submitted by UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE at 112 MARY-STREET, SURRY HILLS (back Toohey's Brewery), on THIS DAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, at 10.30 a.m.
TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.
GIBBS, SMITH, AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 35 P.O.-chambers, 114 PITT-STREET.

THIS DAY, 2.30 p.m.
TO GROCERS, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, on the Premises, cor. Allen and Norton streets, LEICHHARDT.
CLEAN, FRESH STOCK OF GENERAL GROCERIES. Confectionery, Show Glasses, Brooms, Brushware, etc.
D. AND W. BAINES, under instructions from Mrs. Montgomery, will sell. Every line must be sold.

PICTURES. PICTURES.
TO PICTURE BUYERS, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, at 2.30 p.m., IN THE LARGE SALEROOM (GROUND FLOOR), KATTE'S ARCADE, KING-STREET, NEWTOWN.
600 FRAMED PICTURES, Etc.
Under instructions from Mr. H. DAVIS, George-street, city, consisting of Surplus Stock, Unclaimed Orders, etc.
D. AND W. BAINES, Auctioneers, will sell. NOTE.—Our instructions are to clear every line.

THIS DAY.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by Auction, at his Rooms, 247A PITT-STREET, The Unredeemed Sundries and Jewellery pledged with Mr. Harold Fienberg, of Bridge-road, Pyrmont.
At 11 o'clock, Sundries of every description.
At 12.30, Gold and Silver Watches, Jewellery, etc.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.
THIS DAY, 3 O'CLOCK.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by Auction, at his Rooms, 247A PITT-STREET, GOLD HUNTING KEYLESS CHRONOGRAPH, by NICOLE NEILSEN. A Perfect Time-keeper in every respect.

THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK, at 179 GEORGE-ST WEST, near Shepherd-street.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, 500 Lots New and Second-hand DRESSES, Blouses, Jackets, Underclothing, Boots, [illegible]n's and Children's Clothing, Bed Clothing, Drapery, Furniture, etc. NO RESERVE.

RICKARD'S Auction, To-morrow, Sat'day. Home Sites, Mortlake. £1 down, 10s month. Plans, 84B Pitt-st.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

SPORTING SULKY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m., Brown Pony Mare, 13.2, quiet and fast, trial, Sporting Sulky, and Harness.

S.S. BUGGY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m., Grey Gelding, 16 hands, any trial in S. and H.; S.S. Am. Buggy and Har.

4 HARNESS HORSES, D.S. BUGGY, HARNESS, SADDLE AND BRIDLE, ETC.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from a City Firm to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 11.15 a.m., 4 Reliable Harness Horses, including Black Gelding, 6 yrs., by Huon, Junior, all thoroughly broken to harness; 1 D.S. Buggy and set Harn., in first-class order; Saddle and Bridle, nearly new. The above have been used by the firm's traveller, in the country, and are being sold on account of having no further use for them.

4 STANCH HORSES. NO RESERVE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from a City Firm to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., 3 Draught Geldings, 1 Roan Van Gelding, all in hard-feed condition, thoroughly broken. No Reserve.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK.
16 SPECIALLY GOOD HEAVY and MEDIUM DRAUGHTS and LIGHT HARNESS HORSES, just arrived ex Moeraki from New Zealand.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. Stringfellow, Ashburton, New Zealand, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
3 Heavy Draughts (2 mares and gelding), all bays, 4 to 6 years, broken in, pedigrees at sale; 1 Bay Active Van Gelding, 6 years, used to all kinds of harness, prize-winner; 4 active Draught Colts (3 bays and grey), all 4 years; and Chestnut Active Draught Mare, 4 years, all broken to trace in a sleigh; also Grey Mare, 4 years, by General Standish, from a thoroughbred mare, broken to saddle and harness, fast trotter. NOW ON VIEW.

HANDSOME DAP. GREY MARE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Handsome Dap. Grey Mare, 15 hands, 6 yrs., perfect style and action, fit for show ring.

HIGH-CLASS HUNTER.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Grey Gelding, 6 yrs., a splendid hunter, safe jumper, and good hackney.

14-HAND COB FROM BEGA.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Black Cob Gelding, 14 hands, a splendid har. pony.

SULKY OR BUGGY MARE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bright Bay Mare, any trial in har., suit sulky or buggy.

BROWN HARNESS HORSE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Brown Gelding, broken to sad. and har.

TO BREWERS, MILLERS, HEAVY CARRIERS, DRAY AND VAN PROPRIETORS, CARCASE BUTCHERS, BUSINESS MEN, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, AND OTHERS.
85 HIGH-CLASS HORSES, 85
FOR SALE AT THE CAMPERDOWN YARDS, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 2.30 P.M., including a
GRAND LOT OF HEAVY AND MEDIUM DRAUGHTS, WORTHY OF SPECIAL ATTENTION.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
On Account NORTHERN AGENTS.
25 Exceptionally good Horses, comprising 15 extra Heavy and Powerful Draught Colts, 4 and 5 years old, broken and unbroken, in grand condition, worthy the special attention of BREWERS, MILLERS, HEAVY CARRIERS, and others. The balance consists of active Van and Tradesmen's Cart Horses, 4 to 6 years old, broken and unbroken.
Included in the Consignment are two Magnificent Dapple Grey Draughts, would make splendid Brewer's Lorry Horses.
Also, Thoroughbred Chestnut Gelding, 4 years, by Blarney, full brother to Cissy J. and Bella, broken in, quiet.
We are advised by the Owner, who is a good judge, that the above will be found the finest draft that has been seen in this market for a considerable time past, and buyers in want of really first-class horses should not fail to attend the sale.
On account of Mr. W. HANLON, Hunter River.
20 First-class Heavy Draught Colts and Fillies, 4 and 5 years old, principally bred by Mr. John Graham, the well-known Hunter River breeder, all in top condition, broken and unbroken, specially adapted for BREWERS, MILLERS, and HEAVY CARRIERS' WORK.
5 Upstanding Harness Horses, including Two Match Carriage Colts, 16 hands high (Bay and Brown), bred at Ard Glen, 4 years old, handled to lead; also, Bay Mare, 4 years old, by Wonbobbie, dam a Roscoe mare, handled to lead.
Mr. Hanlon describes the above as a grand lot, all in splendid condition, and without doubt the best lot he has yet had forward.
On account Messrs. CHRISTEY and MOONEY, Condobolin.
35 Really High-class Horses, comprising Heavy and Medium Draught Colts and Fillies, 4 years old, unbroken, bred by Mr. Thos. Mooney, of Condobolin, by his noted draught sire Scotchman. Also, Carcase Waggon, Van, and Springcart Horses, broken and unbroken.
Among the light horses are several by the trotting stallion Brazil.
THE ABOVE WILL BE FOUND A SPECIALLY GOOD LOT OF HORSES, AND MESSRS. CHRISTEY AND MOONEY WRITE THAT WE CANNOT RECOMMEND THEM TOO HIGHLY.
On account Mr. E. RIDGE, Castlereagh.
A fine Draught Mare, 6yrs (worthy special attention of Heavy Carriers), broken in; Bay D. Colt, 3yrs; Brown Van Gelding, suit merchant's Van; 2 reliable Harness Ponies, one very fast and winner of 2 trots, the other a prize-winner at late Penrith Show.
On account Mr. THOS. GRAHAM, Jamberoo.
A Truck of Useful Harness Horses. Full particulars at Sale.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
THIS DAY, 2 O'CLOCK SHARP.
J. H. BEALE has received instructions to sell by Auction, account various Owners, 10 HORSES, all broken in.

SAWMILL and PLANT.
MITTAGONG SAWMILL AND PLANT, Situated at Mittagong Railway Station.
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 3 o'clock.
J. H. BEALE has received instructions to sell by auction, account Messrs. WEBB and PRYE, the above Plant, comprising:—
8-H.P. Engine and Boiler, complete; one Avery 5-ton Cart Weighbridge, 2 Circular Saws, Saw Bench, Spindle, Belting, Water Meter, Piping, Tank Sheds, and Tools, together with Right of Lease.
The above plant is in perfect order, and is a complete one for Firewood Cutting. It is the only mill in the district, and as there is almost a never-failing supply of suitable timber, this sale affords an excellent opportunity for Buyers.
Trains leave Sydney 8 o'clock and 9.30 TO-MORROW MORNING, returning same evening.
Terms if required. Any Buyer wishing to arrange must do so with the Auctioneer before the Sale.
Auctioneer's Office: Moss Vale; or 137 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

THE SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS will offer Catalogues TO-DAY, in the SALEROOM, MACQUARIE-PLACE, as under:— SHEEPSKINS, at 10.30 a.m.; HIDES, at 1.30 p.m.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL AND PRODUCE CO., Ltd., will offer Catalogues TO-DAY, at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, as under:— Sheepskins, at 10.30 a.m.; Hides, at 1.30 p.m.

GEO. H. MOXHAM and CO. sell by Auc., This Day, at Wool Exch., Sheepskins, 10.30; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.
MOSSMAN and ELLIS will sell by auction, at their Railway Produce Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 p.m.,
Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Eggs, Honey, Beeswax, Lard, Fruit, a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, etc.
2 Tons Pure Extracted Honey (choice Western).
1 Ton Choice Farm-fed Bacon.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO. will sell by auction at THEIR SALE ROOMS AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY,
Sucking Pigs and Carcase Pork, 1 p.m. sharp.
Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc., 2 p.m.
Poultry, etc., 2.30 p.m.

C. J. TURNER sells at his Rooms, Valentine-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, as under:— 1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, Birds, etc. 1.30, Eggs, then Poultry.

HOUSEHOLD Furniture.—To-morrow, Saturday, at 2.30.—JOHN KENDALL has been instructed by Mrs. Beechey, who is leaving the district, to sell by auction, at her residence, No. 4 Hubert-st, Leichhardt, as above, the whole of her superior Household Furniture and Effects, without reserve. Sup. P.G. Wardrobe, M.T. Washstand, D. and S. Bedsteads, Wicker Hallstand, Curtains, Tables, Chairs, Wall Mirrors, etc., etc.

AUBURN, SATURDAY, OCT. 3rd, at 2 O'CLOCK.
THOMPSON and CO. have received instructions from Mr. A. W. OLDFIELD to sell, WITHOUT RESERVE, on the premises, Queen-street, Auburn,—PLANT and TOOLS of a Blacksmith's Shop, including DRILLING MACHINE, Tyre Shrinker, Swedge Block, Tyre Bender, Tyreing Screw, Swedges, Mandrills, Tongs, Stocks, Dies, Wrenches, Spanners, Carpenter's and Wheelwright's Tools, Planes, Bench with Screw and Cramps, Pagnel Cart, Wheels, Axles, and Sundries. Auctioneers' Offices, 108 Pitt-street. Tel., 2279.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, AT 2.30, at 31 Grose-street, Camperdown.
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Chests Drawers, Combinations, Drawing-room Suite, Overmantel, Couches, Carpets.
MITCHELL AND CRANSTON will sell for Mr. Taylor.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, OCT. 3.

What a busy day To-morrow will be for us, if inquiries for Plans of Nash's Estate, Mortlake, go for anything. It causes us no surprise, of course, that people want the land, because we know just what it is, and that nothing to equal it may be bought in the district at anything like the money that

NASH'S ESTATE MORTLAKE

will be sold at. This is cheap land, but all the same it's as "good as gold." People who can't afford to, or don't care about paying big money for a building section, will get one at this auction, and "one of the best," too, for a few shillings a foot. As a matter of fact, the sale might almost be described as being "Without Reserve," so low have the upset prices been fixed. Nash's Estate is for

AUCTION ON THE GROUND.

Right on the spot, so that each and every Lot offered may be inspected. The Allotments, which are fairly level, command beautiful views, are close up to the tram, no distance from the ferry, adjoin the Golf Links, and both gas and water are there. The Fire Station and Mortlake Institute are close handy, and Churches and Schools opposite the land. In the vicinity is to be found a class of homes seldom met with in a worker's district, for most of the Mortlake folk ARE workers, and hard workers, too, the GAS WORKS there giving constant employment to numbers.

TERMS—£1 DOWN, 10/- MONTH.

The purchase money for the Lots may be paid by instalments of 10/ month—easy enough, surely, for any land-seeker. Now, remember the Sale is TO-MORROW, at 3 o'clock, the terms £1 down, 10/ month, and the land the best in the district. TRAINS LEAVE ON SATURDAY AT 1.5, 1.12, 1.17, 1.23, 1.30, 2.5, and 2.30. AND OUR SPECIAL FREE TRAM WILL LEAVE BURWOOD FOR THE LAND AT 2.27 P.M., RETURNING at 5 P.M.

PLANS OF NASH'S ESTATE, MORTLAKE,

ARTHUR RICKARD AND CO., LTD.,
84B PITT-STREET, SYDNEY, AUCTIONEERS AND REALTY SPECIALISTS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY;
2nd OCTOBER, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
At THE CENTRAL AND COMMODIOUS ROOMS of
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, REMOVED FROM PRIVATE RESIDENCES, on account of Various Vendors.
GLASS, CHINA, AND ELECTROPLATE, MANUFACTURERS' and INDENT AGENTS' SAMPLES. Cruets, Spirit Stands, Tea Urns, Tea and Coffee Services, Candlesticks, Cake Baskets, Card Trays, Entree Dishes, Butter Dishes, etc, etc.
WITHOUT RESERVE.
WALNUT DINING-ROOM FURNITURE (best English manufacture).
CHESTERFIELD COUCHES,
DIVAN CHAIRS, EASY and RECEPTION CHAIRS, FOLDING-TOP CARD TABLES, OVERMANTELS.
CHIPPENDALE DRAWING-ROOM CABINET, CHIPPENDALE DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, Upholstered in Silk Damask, MUSIC CABINETS and OCCASIONAL TABLES.
PIANOFORTES,
GORS and KALLMAN, Upright Walnut Case.
CARL RONISCH, Upright Walnut Case.
CARL WEBER, Upright, Walnut Case.
MAX KLINGTHAL, Upright, Walnut Case.
KARL KUTSCHERA, Upright, Walnut Case.
HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITES.
ENAMELLED BLACK-AND-BRASS ITALIAN-TOP BEDSTEADS, and complete Bedding.
GENTLEMAN'S LOUGHBOY WARDROBE, made in Rosewood, and Specially Fitted.
AN EXTENSIVE LIST of GENERAL FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.
SET COMPUTING SCALES.
Also, PRINTERS' JOBBING MATERIAL,
TYPE IN CASES, SMALL HAND PRESS, and SUNDRIES.
AND ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE CONCERNED, FORTY (40) BALES BAMBOO BLINDS, AS PER FOUR SAMPLE BALES OPEN FOR INSPECTION IN OUR ROOMS.
ON VIEW THIS DAY, PRIOR TO SALE.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FURNITURE AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET. TELEPHONE, 2056.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
2nd OCTOBER, AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON, at
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE'S AUCTION SALEROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
A CHANCE OF A LIFETIME.
SPECIAL SALE OF DISC TALKING MACHINES (at the risk of the Indentors).
MODEL DE LUX ODEON DISC MACHINES, Fitted with the Latest Tone Arm and Concert Exhibition Speaker and Speed Indicator. Triple Spring Motor (plays Three Records in one winding). These Machines will play any make of Disc Records, using a needle point, on the market, such as Gramophone, Columbia, Odeon, and Zonophone Records. EVERY MACHINE IS GUARANTEED IN PERFECT ORDER. The Machines are equipped with Magnificent Floral Horns, Enamelled in Natural Art Tints.
Also, AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS,
RICH COLOURINGS AND ARTISTIC DESIGNS, in Various Sizes, with Borders.
THESE FINE CARPETS, RECENTLY IMPORTED, will be sold separately, WITHOUT RESERVE, at the risk of those concerned.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 10.30 A.M., at our Commodious Mart,
140 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, CITY.
FIVE STEEL FIRE-PROOF SAFES, BY LEADING ENGLISH MANUFACTURERS.
TWO DOUBLE DOORS, 60 x 36 and 30 x 30.
ONE STEEL BANDED, 46 x 28 x 26 (Phillips).
TWO SMALLER SAFES, SMITH BROS.' TYPEWRITER ROLLTOP DESK, POSTING DESK, OFFICE STOOLS.
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.
WALNUT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO, Eavestaff.
DINING-ROOM SUITE of 9 Pieces, in Leather.
COMBINATION AND OTHER CHESTS OF DRAWERS.
AUST. FURNITURE, Dining and other Tables.
Brass-mounted Double and Single Bedsteads.
PATENT MANGLE, BEALE SEWING MACHINE,
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
Also, Sample Lines of MEN'S AND BOYS' JERSEYS AND SWEATERS, FURS, NECKLETS, KNICKERS, JACKETS, RUGS, Etc., Etc., Etc.
BARNARD AND CO. will Sell by Auction, as above, POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

NORTH SYDNEY.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, AT THE AUCTION ROOMS, WALKER AND BLUE STREETS.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, Sideboard, Comb. Chests, Bedsteads, etc. Tools for Blacksmiths, Carpenters, Plumbers, etc. Stoves, Screwjacks, Flooring Clamps, Baker's Tins, and a large quantity of General Ironmongery, all second-hand. Toys, Ornaments, etc.
FOR ABSOLUTE SALE, WITHOUT RESERVE.
CLARKE and SOLOMONS, Auctioneers, Walker and Blue streets, North Sydney.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY, Oct. 5.—Rickard's Auction, 3 o'c., Coogee Building Sections. Plans, 84B Pitt-st.

IMPORTANT SALE NOTICE.
Gentry Furnishing, New Arrivals, Young Couples setting up housekeeping, Dealers in Decent Furnishings, and others are hereby notified that, under instructions from
DAVID WEATHERALL, Esq.,
we are selling by Public Auction, at his Residence, STEWART-ST AND OATLEY-RD, PADDINGTON (opp. Barracks, close Town Hall tram stop), THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 11 A.M., the whole of his Tasteful and Well-kept HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS, specially worthy of general attention, being beautifully clean, and for sale solely owing to vendor removing to W.A.
MAGNIFICENT MOZART PIANOFORTE, in walnut case, exquisite tone, equal new, in use less than two years, and can be highly recommended.
CHARMING CARPET SQUARE, TIP-TOP LINOLEUMS.
CANE AND PLUSH DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, GRAND BAMBOO CABINET.
CEDAR BOOKCASE, SETS BOOK SHELVES, PIGEON-HOLED CABINET.
OFFICE TABLE, BEST AUSTRIAN AND OAK CHAIRS.
SUPERB BEDROOM SUITE, and complete Furnishings several Bedrooms, all right every way.
HALL LINOS., JAP. BLINDS, DRESSER, DINNER and TEA WARE, TOILET SETS, GENERAL REQUISITES, MAGNIFICENT FLETCHER GAS STOVE, Wringer, TOOLS, SAFES, S'PANS, BROOMS, etc., etc.
WITHOUT RESERVE.
ON VIEW AT 10 A.M. SHARP.
STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS, Auctioneers and Agents for the Vendor. Telephone, Two Double O Burwood.

THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, OCT. 2nd,
AT 11, AND CONTINUING ALL DAY.
IMPORTANT SALE OF PIANO AND FURNISHINGS, moved from Lavender Bay, Darlinghurst, and City, for better display in the Commodious Haymarket Auction Rooms, George and Barlow streets, Haymarket.
MAG. EBONY and GOLD FULL UP. GRAND RICH. LIPP PIANOFORTE.
BEAUTIFUL VICTOR PIANO, 2 FINE ORGANS, in perfect order.
DRAWING, DINING, HALL, DR., SINGLE, and 1 BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS, KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS, as fully advertised in yesterday's Herald.
COSTLY WILTON PILE CARPET SQUARES, RUGS and RUNNERS, SILK, TAP., and LACE CURTAINS, ORNAMENTS and VASES, BRIC-A-BRAC.
LARGE CABINET SIDEBOARD, MASSIVE OAK SIDEBOARD, OAK HALLSTAND.
LINOLEUM for several rooms, good as new.
DROPHEAD SINGER MACHINE, ETHERIDGE SEWING MACHINE.
Brass and Pearl Mtd. 4.6 Bedstead, Kapok and H.H. Sets; about 15 good Bedsteads, all sizes.
Dh. and Single BEDROOM SUITES, COMBINATIONS, TOILETS and WARE.
GAS STOVES, ICE CHEST, BOX OTTOMANS, Couches, Chairs, Tables.
Table Plate, Crockery, Glass, and China, E.P. Ware, and General Utensils. A First-class Lot.
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DITTO.—Building Site, Raglan-street, abutting on above. Executors' Sale.
DITTO.—Cottage Residence, "The Gables," City-road. Executors' Sale.
DITTO.—Shop and dwelling, No. 27 Alma-street. Executors' Sale.
DITTO.—Cottage, No. 41 Alma-street. Executors' Sale.
NEWTOWN.—"Milford Terrace," 11 houses, Nos. 16 to 36 Australia-street. Executors' Sale.
ST. MARYS.—Seven Blocks, 78 ac. to 228 ac., balance of Fleurs Estate, in lots.
NORTH ANNANDALE.—Corner Shop and dwelling, Trafalgar and Albion streets. Executors' Sale.
PETERSHAM.—Cottage, "Brakenridge," Sadlier's Crescent, between Palace and Gordon streets.
MARRICKVILLE.—Cottage, "Kia-ora," Cary-street. Executors' Sale.
NORTH SYDNEY.—Two Shops and dwellings, Willoughby-road, north of Falcon-street. Executors' Sale.
MOSMAN'S.—Residence, "Alberfeldie," Thompson-street, east of Bradley's Head-road. Mortgagee's Sale.
EPPING.—Block of 16ac. 2r. 13p., Stanley and Abuklea roads and Terry's Creek.
ARNCLIFFE.—W. B. Cottage, West Botany-road, between Wickham and Avenal streets. Executors' Sale.
CANTERBURY.—Allotments, River and Charles streets. Executors' Sale.
BEXLEY.—Allotments, Westminster-street, near Forest-road. Executors' Sale.
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CHAPTER II.—Continued.

Philippa had arrived at a time of life when most maidens, whether romantically or otherwise inclined, form attachments, sometimes for the strangest and most unlikely objects. She conceived a sudden devotion for her cousin; admired her extravagant gowns, raved about her dimples, and even imitated, for a time, and to her mother's horror, the peculiar thick gabble in which Augusta spoke.

Catherine, reflecting upon the list of Philippa's past idols (which included the lad who blew the bellows for the church organ, the village schoolmistress, and the miller's baby), decided that this new enthusiasm pleased her the least of all. She tried, however, to hide the natural mortification which must be felt by a parent who sees her child admiring, and prepared to imitate, a model felt to be unworthy, and consoled herself as best she might with the remembrance of her daughter's fickleness.

Nothing, however, had as yet occurred to disillusion Philippa; and thus she was so happily engaged in looking at and listening to Augusta that she could not spare any attention at all for Lord John, though she permitted herself an occasional glance towards the tall bronzed soldier who was talking to Mrs. Ralt.

So this was Colonel Moore, the hero of Hector and Lily's dreams; the brother of their poor, beautiful young mother, who had died ten years ago, when Lily was born.

Philippa could not, after all, place him upon the retired list of old fogies, to whom poor Lord John so obviously, in her eyes, belonged.

David Moore was too upright, too vigorous, and too good-looking to be treated with such contumely.

He was very thin, and his lean brown face was deeply lined; but that was due to the hardships of war, she decided, and not to old age; for there was not a grey hair in his black moustache, nor in the crisp, short locks cropped close to his head, yet obstinately curling, nor in the marked black brows which met across the bridge of his straight nose.

When he laughed, which was rather often—a low, amused, sincere laugh, which made her feel inclined to join without knowing why—he showed square, even, white teeth, and screwed up his eyelids in what Philippa felt to be a very engaging manner. When he was not laughing she liked his face better still; and the frankness of his expression and the softness of his handsome orange-brown eyes pleased and attracted her greatly.

The thought that he was a real live hero also sent a pleasant thrill down Philippa's backbone; for she was, after all, a very simple country maiden, and her enthusiasms were fresh and wholesome.

Colonel Moore had no idea that those downcast eyes beneath Philippa's shady garden hat were observing him, none the less that they seemed intent upon the lawn, or the tea-table, or Lady Adelstane's lace dress; but he looked not infrequently at her, for, indeed, her face was sufficiently attractive to arrest the attention of a man less susceptible than he to the influence of beauty.

On a certain April morning many years ago David Moore had gone primrosing in the Bridescombe Woods with Philippa's mother, when she had been hardly older than Philippa was now. He tried to trace a resemblance between his shadowy recollections of that gentle companion of a bygone day and the handsome, vigorous maiden before him, but he found none.

"So that is Catherine's child," thought David, and felt a little tenderly towards Philippa for her mother's sake, and for the sake of that faint, isolated memory of that mother's youth; and perhaps also for her own, since the heart must be hard indeed that is not touched and softened by that first innocent loveliness of a woman-child, not yet awakened to the knowledge of her own charm or her own power.

George Chilcott walked home with his brother-in-law, leaving Clara at the parsonage, where she proposed that they should join her in calling upon the vicar's wife, who, she argued, could not be out at this late hour of the afternoon.

Since they declined her invitation with much warmth and determination, nothing was left her but to pay her visit alone, which she proceeded to do, and no sooner were they freed from her presence than a perceptible sense of ease and relief stole over both men.

At the lych-gate of the churchyard George hesitated, and said to his companion, "I generally go the short cut through this place and the fields when I'm alone," and David nodded without a word.

He had been there already since his arrival at Bridescombe.

The grass was very long, and the stone flags of the old lychway through the churchyard much overgrown. George walked in front, and David followed, and both men stopped before a cleared space, surrounded by a railing, wherein a plain sarcophagus stood, half buried in the blossom of carefully tended summer flowers.

The inscription to "Delia, beloved wife of George Chilcott," was discernible, and the date of a Christmas ten years past.

Close by there stood a plainer stone, whereon the name of George's father, Admiral Hector Chilcott, and his seventy-seven years of honoured, blameless life were recorded; and above both monuments towered the broken column which marked the tomb of Sir Philip Adelstane, called from a full and useful life in the prime of manhood; but George and David saw only that sacred place where youth and love and beauty lay low in Delia's grave.

Neither man spoke, nor did either so much as look at the other; but when George walked on, and David followed, both knew that that silent pilgrimage expressed a bond of mutual sorrow and brotherhood which could only have been weakened in intensity by spoken words.

CHAPTER III.

"I must apologise for being obliged to receive you in my bedroom, my dear Catherine," said Old Lady Sarah, but I gathered from your note that you wanted to talk to me alone, and this is the only spot in the house where we may be sure of a comfortable chat without interruption from Augusta. When I arrive (and she has the bad taste, if you will believe me, to give me a different room in my old home every time I come) my first care, like the governor of a besieged castle, is to survey my fortifications, and decide how best to strengthen them. You will perceive I have had the four-poster moved in front of the main entrance, so that even Augusta would find it difficult to burst in upon me that way."

"She would, indeed," said Catherine, observing the carven pillars of the seventeenth-century couch.

"And Tailer sits on guard in the dressing-room, with my sweet little Mumbo Jumbo, who has orders to bite every intruder except you, my love."

"You are very kind to make me the exception," said Catherine, smiling.

She had intended to consult Lady Sarah, and pondered how best she could approach the subject of Philippa; but Lady Sarah had a way of forestalling confidences which was almost disconcerting in its suddenness.

"Well, my love, so here is Philippa a woman, and you in difficulties, as I always said you would be, when you chose to bring up the sole hope of the Adelstanes in the back kitchen of a labourer's cottage."

"If I had but known she was to be the sole hope of the Adelstanes," said Catherine, rather sadly, "I do not think I would have brought her up here at all."

"You might have known, my love, for I always told you Augusta would never give Cecil an heir. She has never been known to to anything useful in her life that I am aware of. And so Philippa is discontented and rebellious, and you can do nothing with her and are at your wits' end."

"It is not so bad as that, I hope," said Catherine, colouring.

"Augusta makes it out quite as bad as that," said Lady Sarah, rather maliciously.

"Augusta can know nothing—nothing," cried Catherine, warmly, "of anything between my Phil and me. Why, she has hardly been here since Philippa was twelve years old. I have not breathed a word to her, and I am sure Phil wouldn't. She may have her faults, but disloyalty is not one of them."

"I am never sure of anything except that where Augusta is concerned mischief will hatch itself," said Lady Sarah cheerfully. "I can assure you that when I was foolish enough to invite her to my nutshell in Curzon-street, because her own house was unavailable for some cause or other, she spent at least six hours a day during her visit scribbling every detail of my household concerns and my disreputable doings and sayings to all her dearest friends. Bless me, how quickly I turned my spare room into a lumber closet after I found her out. I shall like to see her face, my love, when I tell her that I have inquired into your differences with Philippa, of which she was kind enough to inform me, and that I find there is not a word of truth in the report from beginning to end."

"But there is a word of truth in it," said Catherine, her cheeks flushed and her eyes filled with tears. She drew her low chair closer to Lady Sarah's fauteuil.

(To be continued.)

A notable feature of the "Sydney Mail" this week is one of a magazine character, entitled "Music and Musicians in Australia." The article, which is by Mr. D. J. Quinn, is very comprehensive, and represents the fruits of study and of many chats with prominent composers.—Advt.

The Poultry Notes in the "Sydney Mail" each week are always interesting.—Advt.

FISHERIES BOARD.

The report of the New South Wales Fisheries Board for 1907 was presented to Parliament on Wednesday. Receipts for the year amounted to £7171, and the expenditure to £7631. Tinned fish to the value of £104,750 was imported into the State, and as a set off were exports of fish preserved in tins to the value of £8008. Reference is made to the attention devoted of late to the possibilities of capturing fish in payable quantities off the coast. Mr. E. Mundy, a licensed fisherman, reported to the board that in February, 1907, when proceeding to San Francisco in the Sonoma he passed through some immense shoals of garfish when over 200 miles east of Port Jackson. The steamer took about a quarter of an hour to pass through the shoals. As an illustration of the extent to which fish life suffers from cormorants, it was stated that owing to the formation of a sand bar at Smith's Lake the lake waters were closed from the ocean for about two years, and became heavily stocked with fish. Large flocks of cormorants, estimated to number about 2000, were observed to be very busy attacking the fish, and performed evolutions in a systematic manner by working in droves, and forcing the small fish from the weedy bottoms into clear water by united action. They then attacked the fish in closely packed bodies, and held them securely in the clear waters until they had gorged themselves. In this way a vast number of small fish were destroyed.

THE CAPTURE OF JEWFISH.

Mr. F. Farnell (chairman) presided at a meeting of the Fisheries Board on Wednesday. The demand for oyster leases and reserves continues to be good, as the board dealt with applications for nearly five miles of oyster-bearing foreshore for leasing. These were situated chiefly on the Bellinger and Tweed river estuaries and Port Stephens. At the request of the South Bermagui Progress Association it was decided to consider an application for an additional public oyster reserve at the mouth of the river, and Inspector Moloney was directed to furnish a report. It was also decided to set apart for a public oyster reserve an area near the mouth of Currambene Creek, Jervis Bay. This area is contiguous to the town of Huskisson, which has of late assumed some importance as a tourist resort.

In connection with an application for an oyster lease of 600 yards on Terranora Creek, a tributary of the Tweed estuary, it was decided to reserve from leasing 251 yards fronting the public wharf and approach, and embracing a net-hauling ground.

A request for permission to use a net in the Murrumbidgee during October for the purpose of catching cod and perch for transport to streams not stocked with these fish was refused, as it was deemed inadvisable to relax the close season.

About a dozen professional fishermen of the coast are engaged in the capture of large jewfish on the ocean beaches, when these fish arrive in shoals, and nearly all of them make money when they strike the fish. The board has, however, the duty of regulating the size and mesh of the nets used or usable on the ocean beaches, as well as in the harbours and estuaries. Opinions vary considerably as to the size of mesh and character of the net that should be allowed, so the board has decided to ask all the men engaged in the work to offer their opinions on the matter based upon practical experience. The Goldsmith Bros., of La Perouse, who are very successful at jewfish catching, should be able to give their professional brethren and the board some useful information.

The board decided to ask the Lands Department to determine the limit of the line of reclamation outside of which an oyster lease can be granted on waters fronting Ballina, on the Richmond River.

It was decided to proclaim the Dena River, in the Braidwood district, a closed fishery to nets for three years at the earliest opportunity.

Inspector Aldrich reported the finding of a net in closed waters in Lake Macquarie. The users of the net had decamped, so the inspector seized it, and the department is anxious for the owners to call for it. If they do, however, they will be prosecuted.

CITY IMPROVEMENT.

THE OXFORD-STREET AREA.

Mr. S. J. Pollitzer, C.E., M.I.M.E., gave further evidence before the commission appointed to inquire into the question of the improvement of the city on Wednesday.

He submitted a proposal for the remodelling of the Oxford-street area between Liverpool, Dowling, Devonshire, and Elizabeth streets. He proposed that these thoroughfares and Oxford-street as far as Green's-road should be laid out as boulevards fully 100ft wide, and he recommended that the enclosed area should be dealt with on the chessboard pattern, the streets to be 66ft and the lanes 20ft wide. He would prolong Nithsdale-street into Foveaux-street, Commonwealth-street right into Devonshire Boulevard by utilising Holt-street, College-street into Foveaux-street by using Smith-street, and Pelican-street into Devonshire Boulevard by utilising Waterloo-street. Yurong-street should be regulated so as to meet Pelican-street, and Riley, Crown, and Bourke streets should remain as they now were. He also proposed to prolong Palmer-street across Oxford-street right into Devonshire Boulevard, and a new diagonal street was proposed from Oxford-street at the prolongation of Victoria-street running in a straight line on to the railway station platform. He would leave Goulburn and Campbell streets as recently planned by the City Council. Gipps-street would be widened; Napier-street, Paddington, would be prolonged westward to Buckingham-avenue; Ann-street would be cut out; Albion-street would be prolonged across Flinders-street; Fitzroy-street would be abolished, and replaced by Foveaux-street, which would be prolonged into Flinders-street; Kippax-street would be prolonged into Dowling Boulevarde; Phelps and Arthur streets would be widened, and Tudor-street would be cut out. He suggested that a strip of 40ft should be taken off Hyde Park. The cost of the scheme he estimated at £747,000, but he calculated a return of £485,000 from the resumed land and buildings, leaving £262,000 to be provided by additional taxation.

BALLARAT COMPETITIONS.

NEWTOWN BAND'S POSITION.

A correspondent wires from Ballarat as follows:—The Victorian Band Association has considered Newtown's disqualification. Newtown recently applied for permission to compete at Ballarat next month. The New South Wales Band Association were written for the particulars of Newtown's transgression. Mr. Burgess, secretary, New South Wales Band Association, attended, and explained why Newtown was fined £25. The action of the New South Wales Band Association was endorsed, and, unless the fine is paid, Newtown will be debarred from playing here.

WILL IGNORE THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Thomas Mellor, bandmaster of the Newtown Band, when seen last night, stated that the Newtown band intended to ignore both the Victorian and N.S.W. Band Associations in this matter.

He stated that the trouble between the N.S.W. Band Association and the Newtown band was caused by the latter accepting an engagement with the Sydney Council to play in Hyde Park for ten alternate Sundays. The N.S.W. Association had never charged the band with breaking any rule or bylaw, but had fined it £25 for accepting the engagement without first obtaining the sanction of the association. The band refused to pay the fine, and circularised all the bands in New South Wales, placing the correspondence and facts before them. Between thirty and forty letters have been received from different bands in the State, supporting the Newtown band's action. A copy of the circular was forwarded to Mr. Hill, secretary of the Ballarat competitions, and this gentleman replied both by wire and letter about a fortnight ago, stating that the Newtown band would be allowed to compete, and that any prize won by it would be paid over. On the strength of this, the band sent hotel deposit money to Ballarat, made arrangements for its members to obtain leave from their employment, and also arranged with the authorities at Albury to give a programme on the way. No official intimation of any objection to the Newtown band playing at Ballarat has been received, so the band will proceed to Victoria as arranged.

The Newtown band is one of six bands classed as "A" bands, and is the holder of last year's championship.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Public holidays have been appointed as under:—Wednesday, October 7, districts of Lismore, Wardell, Broadwater, Riley's Hill, Dungarubba, Woodburn North, Woodburn South, Narandera, Gunnedah, and Curlewis. Monday, October 12, districts of Rydal, Sodwalls, Tarana, Eusdale, Oberon, Edith, Essington, Hazelgrove, Jenolan Caves, Tillsbury, Jaunter, Porter's Retreat, Norway, Wiseman's Creek, Shooter's Hill, Swatchfield, Hampton, Lockeley, Yetholme, and Meadow Flat; Hartley electorate; that portion of the Hawkesbury electorate contiguous to the Great Western Railway, from the Nepean River to Leura inclusive; district of Nymagee. Wednesday, October 14, districts of Casino and Kyogle. Thursday, October 15, district of Dubbo. Monday, October 19, district of Junee. Wednesday, October 21, district of Yass. Monday, October 26, district of Dubbo. Wednesday, November 11, district of Penrith.

Stock Exchange investors and speculators should never miss the notes in the "Sydney Mail" detailing the Stock and Share market. The advice and hints given in the latter are always well worth careful scrutiny.—Advt.

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

SILOS AND STATE AID.

We doubt if the farmers will be very jubilant over Mr. Perry's decision that to follow the course of the Victorian Department of Agriculture and finance growers desirous of building silos would be to usurp the functions of the Government Savings Bank. The regulations in Victoria provide that the applicant for the erection of a silo can pay one-third of the amount required in cash, and give two promissory notes each for one-half the balance, payable at one and two years respectively. As the departmental estimate of the cost of a 45-ton silo ranges from £33 to £37 it will be seen that with a comparatively small cash outlay the farmer can have his silo erected. Moreover the department sends out practical men not only to supervise the erection, but to superintend the cutting and filling of the silo, which makes the assistance very substantial for the money paid down. A 100-ton silo, for instance, will be erected by the department's contractor within 100 miles of the city for £49, including the cost of an elevator. Under the regulations the farmer would pay £16 6s 8d down, and the same amount in 12 and 24 months respectively, and have his silo properly erected and filled. The conditions of the Government Savings Bank, which Mr. Perry is afraid to disturb, are rather an unfavourable contrast. To get a loan, say, of £50, for the specific purpose of building a silo on a freehold farm, an inspection of the security will be the first step, for which a valuation fee is required. This fee varies from £2 10s to £5. If the loan is approved of search fees and other expenses have to be paid not amounting to more than £1. Moreover, it must be remembered that so far it appears to take the bank some time to make these inspections, which would be rather expensive if the ensilage crop was nearly ready to cut. Then there is also the prospect of the loan not being granted at all, and the applicant being out of pocket to the extent of the valuation fee. Granted, however, that all goes well, and the loan is forthcoming, the £50 borrowed to build the silo will cost the farmer up to £8, which is rather a heavy interest, and in short seems to us to put the matter out of consideration as an assistance of practical benefit to a farmer. We are inclined to think that any farmer who is progressive enough, and interested sufficiently in his business to wish to go in for conserving his fodder, and thereby secure a bigger profit from his farm would have no difficulty in obtaining the same accommodation from his local bank at a much cheaper rate, and with considerably less trouble and formality. The Government Savings Bank undoubtedly has its useful ends, and in the case of a fixed sum for a fair amount lent for a term is a benefit to the man on the land. But in the matter of erecting silos the machinery does not seem very suitable.

It should not be forgotten that in encouraging the farmer to conserve his fodder and erect silos the State is not only concerned with the purely commercial point of view. The desire is to encourage better farming and bring about by judicious aid what would be nothing more or less in time of drought than a great national insurance. This is the view in which the Victorian Government appears to have approached the matter, but which seems to have escaped Mr. Perry and his advisers. It is not an occasion to apply strict commercial rules if such an end is desired. Indeed, if such rules are to operate there is no necessity for the State to intervene at all, as provision will be made far better by private enterprise. It is quite a misnomer to term the assistance of the Government Savings Bank, as far as the erection of silos is concerned, State aid. In view of the immense benefit accruing to the State by the general adoption of such means as ensilage to conserve fodder, and not only provide against drought, but also to increase the productivity of the State in the dry or cold seasons, the Government would be surely justified in going outside hard-and-fast commercial rules, even if it meant taking a risk in assisting the farmer to build silos. And upon consideration it is questionable if there is much of a risk. In Victoria the system has been remarkably successful. The man who is desirous of erecting a silo is generally the best type of farmer, progressive and enterprising, and likely to get the best results from his land. He is not likely to bother about such methods if he has not strong confidence in his future. If the Department of Agriculture is earnest in endeavouring to promote economical methods amongst the men on the land it will be necessary to depend more upon the individual's character and reliability than upon red tape.

ITEMS.

In connection with the agreement between the large distributing firms of Sydney and the South Coast farmers that the price of milk shall be fixed at 7½d per gallon, it is interesting to note that the buyers in London pay 10d per gallon from October to March, and 8d from April to September.

A few months back cattle were being brought over the Blue Mountains to the Hawkesbury and Nepean district for agistment. The improved condition of affairs in the west has resulted in a good few "stores" being returned for grazing. Quite a number of mobs are now on the road, grass and water being plentiful. It is surprising also the number of mares with foals that are making the journey, wandering contentedly along among the cattle. A drover in charge of one lot stated that he had taken 170 head to the Nepean district, and was returning with 119, the others having succumbed owing to the rough time which they had previous to migrating eastward.

In regard to the fox pest on the South Coast the Department of Agriculture has written to the Pastures Protection Board asking for an opinion on the question of paying one uniform rate for scalps. As foxes are all over the district more or less, the board suggested a uniform bonus of 2s 6d each for full-grown foxes, and 1s 3d for cubs. The question came before the recent convention in Sydney, when the majority of members strongly opposed the proposal on the ground that the foxes kept down hares and rabbits, and the destruction of poultry would be the only trouble. Farmers spoken to on the subject state that the foxes are increasing down as far as Jervis Bay, and also at Kangaroo Valley, and they were of the opinion that every board in the State should adopt a uniform rate. Others think that foxes would not affect the South Coast, as it was not a sheep district. Any harm would be in relation to poultry.

The Western Advisory Board under the Closer Settlement Act has been inspecting some of the country in the county of Cumberland between Parramatta and Penrith. It is a serious matter that so much of this land near the metropolis should remain idle, to the detriment of the progress of the district towns. The quality of this land varies. While a few have achieved success in growing fruit and vines, much of it is considered second-class land. Even if this was made available for city workers in fair-size blocks adjacent to the railway, it should help the district. Yet under the present sparsely-populated conditions an acre block was recently sold at Toongabbie for £50.

IN THE RICHMOND DISTRICT.

Along the Blacktown-Richmond line a very dry time has been experienced since February, but bountiful rains early in the month did much to alter the outlook for spring. The river lands on either side of the Hawkesbury are now looking well. Maize still holds a big place in the cultivated areas, but it is surprising that lucerne has not been given a more extensive trial. Time was when the corn yielded 70, 80, and even a 100 bushels to the acre on the rich lands along the river banks, but there has been a falling off of late years. This winter, however, there was an abundance of grass, and many of the paddocks were let for agistment. Very small advantage is taken by farmers on the river banks of the opportunity to irrigate. Much might be done even in the growing of vegetables, and an example in this direction is afforded at North Richmond by some Belgians, who have taken up the land adjacent to the river, and irrigated an area. Numbers of people have also taken up dairying, and find it profitable contributing to the Sydney milk supply. A butter factory was recently opened at Wiseman's Ferry, and there is a likelihood of the Windsor factory reopening. A number of people are settling in the district, and although the class of dairy stock on many of the farms requires improvement, there is no doubt that the industry should be very successfully developed.

GRASS TREES.

Mr. William Bauerlen writes:—"As far back as May, 1890, I prepared a beautiful ruby-red glassy varnish from this tree, and have used it for microscopical work, sealing up microscopical preparations, and after 18 years it has proved itself equal to any and superior to some of the preparations in the market for the same purpose. A number of mixed preparations so sealed have been in the Technological Museum for the last 16 years, and large quantities of the grass tree gum of different species were sent to that museum by myself, as well as others; yet in spite of the most comprehensive demonstration to what use this gum could be put, the slides remained unnoticed, and the gum not applied or used in any way. Twenty years ago I recorded the fact that a man living in the Clyde River district, some distance from Nelligen, prepared a varnish from this grass tree gum for the purpose of coating or varnishing his boat with it, for which purpose it answered admirably, and with the sunlight upon it it looked quite bright and glassy. And surely a boat in saltwater was a severe test for the varnish. All this was reported to the Technological Museum 20 years ago, where so much else is recorded, and so much more material is lying uninvestigated and never used. Yet New South Wales has better scientific institutions for such kind of work that any other of the States of the Commonwealth."

COWRA STATE FARM.

BREEDING AND CULTIVATING WHEAT.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

Established primarily to conduct experiments in wheat breeding, a work with which the late Wm. Farrer was so eminently associated, the Cowra Experimental Farm has made good progress under the guidance of Mr. Geo. L. Sutton. Farmers are receiving object-lessons in the cultivation of the cereal crop from the time the first sod is turned till the wheat is harvested, and its yield recorded. The farm is within walking distance of Cowra. In that district at present the whole aspect of the country is full of promise, and the wheat crops point to a record harvest. The area of the farm is 936 acres of not very rich land, of which 290 acres are at present under cultivation, while a further area is being made ready for the plough. The land is typical of the surrounding wheat lands, and lies on the side of an undulating slope, which faces the east and north-east. A number of experiments are being conducted with regard to wheat, and the land for that purpose has been divided into plots. In these plots the character of the soil differs from the red granite loam on the higher land to a grey pipeclay on the flat, somewhat stubborn in texture and requiring a good deal of working. A difficulty met with in working the land is the presence of granite boulders. Many of these are removed with the assistance of fires, which are lit on top of them. The heat causes them to split, and crack into small fragments.

The scientific side of the farm work has been devoted to the production of new varieties of wheat by propagation with the standard varieties, and by improvement in selection. New varieties are being evolved. There are the parent plants and their offspring, following in order, in the stud plots. Every point of their growth is watched, and every development faithfully recorded. The value of such work is illustrated by the production of such varieties as "Bobs" and "Federation," in which we have certain virtues and characteristics suited to the vagaries of the Australian climate. At present a wheat which is known as Cedar is attracting much attention, and its future is considered to be a big one. Similarly other varieties are in the making, and samples of various crosses brought about by hybridising wheat plants with oats, and the crossing of one wheat with another. That the farmer appreciates this work is proved by the inquiries that are received by the manager. Not only is the work appreciated by the farmers of this State, but there are those in other parts of the Commonwealth who have learned to value it.

The practical side, apart from the scientific, is not being overlooked. It is this which will give the farmer the results he desires. The plots on which these trials are conducted at Cowra have displayed on a board all the information desired as to the time the ground was ploughed, whether a mould board or disc plough was used, the date of planting, and whether the land is manured or not. Each set is the width of the 15-disc drill and fertiliser. This has been found necessary so that in determining the results the conditions of planting would be similar to those prevailing on an ordinary farm. The object is to find out the most suitable period for planting the seed, and the most economical amount of seed to use when the crop is planted at different periods of the planting season—early, mid-season, and late; also whether the direct application of a simple or mixed fertiliser is beneficial when the supply of organic matter in the soil is maintained in accordance with the practice which is at present regarded the best for the district. The ploughing experiments are interesting, and the result of ploughing at various depths with both disc and mould board would indicate that for thorough tillage the disc-plough has the best of it. Although this may only apply to this particular district, still judging by results the use of the disc plough must increase. The value of the sub-soil is not overlooked, and some interesting results have been obtained. Deep and shallow ploughing has received considerable attention and the outcome bears out the necessity of thorough cultivation to the man who would succeed in growing wheat.

The success or otherwise of crops is determined by the results obtained. In one year the conclusion arrived at with regard to the use of superphosphate was that it appeared to be beneficial at all depths of ploughing which were tried, but most beneficial when the ploughing was deepest. During the same season the work which would be done with the disc plough to a depth of 6in seemed to be preferable to shallower ploughing, but again a result which was not altogether confirmatory of the benefits of ploughing deep with this plough was furnished in an instance when the shallow (4in) gave better results than the deeper (6in) ploughing.

A fine example of the feeding value of rape for sheep is at present being demonstrated on the farm, and its fattening propensities is evidenced in the good condition of most of the flock.

The series of farmers' experiments which are being initiated in many parts of the State will be invaluable in helping the work of the experimental farms. The work of finding out the qualities of certain wheat under conditions different to that prevailing at the Cowra farm will be invaluable for future investigation and Mr. Sutton speaks confidently of the prospects in this direction. Every district cannot have an experimental farm, but it can have at least a plot or a series of them which will be to a very great degree help the farmers of that particular district. The Cowra Experimental Farm, while already a very important branch of the department's operations, must increase in value as fuller results are obtained.

SHORTAGE OF TRUCKS.

"R. W. T." writes:—I would like to know why the Commissioners cannot have trucks built much quicker than is being done at present. I would suggest that instead of these trucks being made at Meadowbank only the Commissioners open up workshops at Bathurst and push on with their manufacture there as well. It is some years now since workshops were there. It is a great mistake to centralise too much and bring everything to Sydney. By starting workshops or factories in some country towns it would do much to alleviate the poverty and suffering which exist in them, as well as benefiting the public at large.

SETTLEMENT IN THE WEST.

RESUMPTIONS WANTED.

To meet the continued demand for land for both agricultural and pastoral purposes some radical changes will have to take place, so that quicker settlement can be carried out. The present methods at work in connection with the Closer Settlement Act are such as not to inspire much confidence. So far nothing has been done in the west to make land available for those who want it other than a proclamation being issued on the advice of the Advisory Board to the effect that they had recommended for resumption certain areas. The proposed resumptions are as far as the west is concerned: Droubalgie of 8392 acres, Larras Lake 14,300 acres, Nandillyan of 15,433 acres, and Barbigall of 19,924 acres. The total area involved is 59,048 acres, and if made available by Parliament it should result in a splendid impetus being given to this portion of the west. Much of the land is suitable for wheat, the average rainfall being over 20 inches. The State Parliament decides whether the land shall be resumed, and this necessarily takes time. The board is still pursuing inquiries and making investigations for the purpose of reporting to the Minister for Lands, but the chief difficulty is not in finding suitable land, but in making it available. A number of estates have been privately subdivided during the last few months, and while at present there is a lull in operations, still before the autumn is reached private sellers will again be offering land for those who can afford to buy it at the terms offered and the price. It is the man who has not much capital who has to be settled on the land with Government assistance, and he looks to the Closer Settlement Act for help. It is to be hoped he will not be disappointed, but so far it has done little for the western country.

STOCK TRAINS.

Mr. W. H. Morrison writes:—At the present time there is a considerable well-grounded outcry amongst the people on account of the serious shortage of stock trucks throughout the State. I am personally aware of one particular case out west, where there are a lot of good wethers now ready for market, but trucks cannot be supplied till December, by which time they will most likely have lost condition, and not be fit for market, and a serious individual loss ensue. But the shortage of trucks is not the only drawback under which the producer, and, indeed, the people as a whole, suffer. I allude to the exceedingly slow rate at which stock trains travel. Take, for instance, the long journey from Sydney to Cobar and Sydney to Bourke; the time taken is about 49 hours, or an average of about nine miles an hour—a little less, I think. Surely in this connection a very substantial improvement is needed very urgently in the joint interests of the railway, stockowners, and the people.

MEETINGS OF FARMERS.

MILLTHORPE.—A meeting of the committee of the A. and P. Association was held on Tuesday afternoon. A discussion arose as to the encouragement of side-shows on the ground. It was unanimously agreed that side-shows were a great attraction. The secretary submitted a rough balance-sheet, which showed as a result of the success of the last show that the association was about £80 better off this year than last year.

IRRIGATION AT ST. MARYS.

ST. MARYS.—A meeting of the Nepean-Warragamba Water Conservation and Irrigation Association was held in the Protestant Hall on Wednesday night, a large number of members and representatives from all parts of the district being present. The president (Mr. Angus) reported that the Government was pushing on rapidly with the survey of the Nepean and Warragamba rivers; but as the amount of work to be done was large, and the survey was intended to be an exhaustive one, the report of the chief engineer (Mr. E. M. De Burgh) would not be ready until early next year. The secretary of the association read correspondence showing that interest in the scheme was steadily extending, and now covered a large area. Donations to the funds were also being received from all quarters. Mr. R. T. M'Kay delivered an interesting lecture on irrigation, illustrated by lantern views of Mildura, Renmark, Barren Jack, and other irrigation works in Australia; and also of the extraordinary results of irrigation in America. At the conclusion of the lecture a number of new members of the association were enrolled. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Penrith.

AUSTRALASIAN FRUITGROWERS' CONFERENCE.

ADELAIDE.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the South Australian Fruitgrowers' Association on Wednesday afternoon Messrs. W. J. Hannaford, W. A. Lee, and W. L. Summers were appointed to represent South Australia at the Australasian National Fruitgrowers' Conference, to be held in Melbourne at the end of this month. It was resolved that the delegates should bring before the conference the necessity for altering the Commerce Act, in order to prevent the export of inferior or diseased fruit, and submit the question of the unfairness of the duty imposed on cork dust.

EXPERIMENTAL FARMING.

DAPTO.—Mr. Valder, of the Agricultural Department, visited Dapto on Wednesday for the purpose of top-dressing the plots of land selected for experimental purposes. Three acres on Mr. George Lindsay's farm were treated with fertiliser; also the show ground. Several other plots offered were not accepted owing to the farms being too far away for the public to see the result of the experiment.

BRISBANE EGG-LAYING COMPETITION.

BRISBANE.—In the egg-laying competition for September Southern pens are well to the fore. The figures for September and for the six months were:—Sunnyhurst Egg Farm (S.A.), W. Leghorns, 143—554, sixth; Ontario Egg Farm (S.A.), W. Leghorns, 154—536, eighth; A. F. Emmott (N.S.W.), W. Leghorns, 150—519, tenth; Mrs. Kinnear (S.A.), W. Leghorns, 135—457, eleventh; Wharepaka Farm (N.S.W.), W. Leghorns, 149—438, twelfth.

WENTWORTH IRRIGATION AREA

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly last evening with reference to the Wentworth irrigation area, the Minister for Agriculture said that in 1901 five blocks having an area of 54 acres 2 roods 5 perches were rented and realised £39 4s 3s as rent. Under the new conditions now in force 67 blocks, having an area of 824 acres, 1 rood 29 perches, were rented at a total rental of £450.

MILK STANDARD.

Asked by Mr. Morton in the Legislative Assembly last evening whether the standard for pure milk had recently been fixed by the Board of Health at 3.2 per cent. of butter fat, and whether it was a common experience for milk to be drawn from numerous herds of cows and not yield 3.0 per cent. of butter fat, the Chief Secretary said: "Steps necessary for the cancellation of the recent proclamation had already been taken. It had, however, been explained by the Department of Public Health that: (a) the standard does not apply to milk for butter and cheese making; (b) it was first put up by the board in 1898 (Public Health Act, section 77); (c) the records of analyses show that 3.2 is a standard which can be maintained for herds without difficulty, and in good seasons is always much exceeded; (d) it is the standard set up for their suppliers by the milk companies which obtain their milk from the country; (e) it is the standard set up by the Board of Agriculture for England and Wales, and (to cite a very different country) the standard set up by the National Government of the United States is higher, viz., 3.25; (f) it is considered that if an individual cow in a herd yields a milk ascertained to run much below 3.2, the animal is not in a fit state to yield milk for consumption as such, and should be dried off."

DISTRICT ITEMS.

GRAFTON.—The Clarence Pastoral and Agricultural Society has decided to form a parade ring on their new showground at a cost of £300.

WOLLONGONG.—Mr. J. A. Beatson, who has occupied the position of secretary to the Wollongong A. H. and I. Association for the past 26 years, and who was compelled through pressure of private business to resign a short time ago, was on Wednesday night presented by his fellow-committeemen with an illuminated address. The presentation was made by Mr. T. Grieve, vice-president of the association. When Mr. Beatson took over the secretaryship the society had a debt of £1200, but at the time of his resignation the whole of the debt had been wiped off.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

QUEANBEYAN.

SECOND DAY.

QUEANBEYAN.—The Queanbeyan show was continued on the local ground on Thursday. The weather was similar to that which prevailed on Wednesday—a bitterly cold southerly wind blowing strongly from the Monaro mountains. The attendance was only moderate, disagreeable weather being a responsible factor. The grand championship, both in ram and ewe classes, went to Gungahleene Estate, and the particular sheep which earned these honours were splendid types of unhoused grass-fed merinos of Tasmanian blood.

Some nice tandem teams were shown in the ring, Mr. E. Hudson, of Duntroon, winning with a very fine pair of greys; while Mr. R. Dudleston, of Yass, won in the class for ponies. Harness horses were numerous, and of good quality, the chief winners being E. Hudson, G. Massy, Maxwell and Co., and Ellis Smith. The three classes for gentlemen's hacks brought out a long string of competitors, but Mr. A. W. Wade, of Yass, won every first prize, besides those for lady's hack and lady's hunter. The buckjumping contest was disappointing, only one animal being saddled. The lady's driving event was well contested, the blue going to Miss Eva Warwick. The high jump was won by Mr. A. Mitchell's (Goulburn) veteran bay Shamrock, who came second in the open hunting contest; Mr. J. Gordon's Bim Grey being first. The sheepdog trial was well contested, Mr. F. Warwick, of Duntroon, being most successful. Additional awards:—

Horses.—Tandem team—driven: E. Hudson, 1; R. S. Duddleston, 2. Unicorn team: A. J. Gibbs, 1; Maxwell and Co., 2. All-round horse: G. Massy, 1; E. E. Hudson, 2. Gent.'s hack—11 stone: A. P. Wade, 1; Wm. Gordon, 2. 12st: A. Wade, 1; J. H. Gordon, 2. 14st: A. Wade, 1; H. Solomon, 2. Lady's hack: A. Wade, 1; J. Gordon, 2. Pair hackneys—lady and gent: G. Massy, 1; A. P. Wade, 2. Best lady rider: Miss Clara O'Connor, 1; Miss Campbell, 2. Stock-horse, ridden with halter, to cut out calf: E. Hudson, 1; Chas. Dyball, 2.

Best lady's hunter: A. Wade's Squire John, 1; A. E. Mitchell, 2. Best lady rider over jumps: A. Wade, 1; Miss Gambell, 2. Pony tandem team: R. Dudleston, 1; A. Gibbs, 2. Pair ponies, ridden: Maxwell and Co., 1; Wm. Barnes, 2. Best lady driver, single harness turnout: Miss Evan (Warwick), 1; Mrs. E. Gibb, 2. Indian remount: John Ryan, 1; E. Gibbs, 2. Galloping tandem race: Gibbs and Muggridge, 1. Best buckjumping rider: C. Dyball, 1. Best buckjumping horse: Thos. Oldfield. Water jump: Gungahleen estate, 1; John Ryan, 2. High jump: A. Mitchell's Shamrock, 1; A. Wade's Squire John, 2. Open hunting contest: J. H. Gordon, 1; A. Mitchell's Shamrock, 2. Trotting events, 2 miles in harness: Jas. Rolfe's Andrew Mack, 1; Mandelson, 2.

Farm Produce—milling wheat grown in district: A. Ryan. Bobs wheat: A. Ryan. Purple straw: A. Ryan. Potatoes: F. Sullivan. Early potatoes, for seed: John Fitzgerald. Oaten chaff: A. Ryan, 1; W. Butt, 2. Wheaten chaff: W. Butt, 1; Chas. Kaye, 2. Maize: F. Sullivan. Oaten hay: A. Ryan. Wheaten hay: Wm. Butt. Lucerne hay: Jno. Fitzgerald. Cobs maize: Chas. Kaye.

The chief winners in poultry were: W. Bailey, A. Kingsland, J. Royal, E. Gibbs, Mrs. M. Johnston, Mrs. C. Bye, W. Bailey, Mrs. P. Curley, F. Warwick, E. Hudson, Mrs. N. H. Gibbs, H. Johnston, Mrs. Bates.

Sulkies and buggies: W. Snow (seven first prizes). Spring cart harness: F. Blewitt. Horseshoes: W. Kaye.

Sheep-dog trials, open: G. Warwick's Chips (Duntroon), 1; John Morrison, 2. Maiden dog trial, any age: John Morrison and F. Warwick's May divide first and second.

WYALONG.

WEST WYALONG.—The ninth annual meeting of the Wyalong and District P. A. H. and I. Association opened on Tuesday, under most favourable conditions, the weather being fine, the attendance good, and the exhibits numerous and of high class. Live stock exhibits were very good, farm teams being better than those at any previous show, and there were some fine exhibits in heavy draughts. Blood stock, trotting, and pony sections were well represented. In the light harness and hackney sections, the competition was large and keen. Some very fine types of Durham and dairy stock were shown, also splendid fat cattle. There was good competition in sheep. Owing to the bad season last year, the local display of agricultural produce was weak, but Messrs. Precost Bros., of Moss Vale, and Mr. D. Nixon, of Reefton, a district exhibitor, had splendid displays, of a very educational character. There was an excellent display of industrial and school exhibits. The poultry sections were nearly all represented, but the competition was not keen, the high price of grain having operated disastrously in many poultry yards. The dog exhibits were few, but good. The second day of the show was favoured with splendid weather, and there was a record attendance of over 3000. The jumping events created much enthusiasm, especially the high jump, which was won by Eroni Bros.' Mahonga, 6ft 6in, which was cleared fully six inches. Some of the competitions were held over for the third day.

Awards:—

Blood Horses.—Stallion: D. Weir's Biltalto. Yearling: D. Weir. Mare: F. Miller. Filly, 2yrs: D. Weir. Mare in foal: R. M'Namara: Yearling progeny of Biltalto: D. Weir. Yearling, by Wolf: W. Hill.

Trotters.—Stallion, mare: F. Miller. Coachers, mare: M. J. Crowley. Ponies, stallion: W. H. Stainforth. Mare: J. H. Pratt. Mare in foal: P. Roberts. Light horses: A. Judd's exhibit won the light hackney, heavy hackney, lady's hack, and pair of hacks prizes. Buggy pair: P. J. Murray. Light harness horse: F. Miller. Turnout, sulky horse and harness: Hopwood and Tucker. Turnout, buggy, horse, and harness: J. H. Granlune. Spring cart-horse: Meagher and Co. Turnout: Meagher and Co. Lady rider: Miss Kirk. Cavalry horse: T. Hopwood. Pair ponies: P. Roberts. Buggy pony: J. H. Pratt. Turnout: P. Roberts.

District trot, 1¼ miles: Hart's Red Douglas, 15s behind, 1; Donaldson's Merry Lass, 20s behind, 2; Geale's Australian King, 25s behind, 3.

Cattle.—Durhams—Bull: W. G. Lillas. Bull, 2yrs: D. Weir. Devons—Cow: Mrs. Power. Heifer: Punton and Jackman. Dairy stock—Jersey cow: D. Weir. Heifer: Punton and Jackman. Other than Jersey bull: D. Weir. Cow: D. Weir. Milking Shorthorn bull: Punton and Jackman. Cow: D. Weir.

Sheep.—Merinos—Ram, 2 or 4 tooth: S. Wilson and Co. Ewe: S. Wilson and Co. Plain-bodied ram: D. Weir. Ewe: S. Wilson and Co. Ram, over 3yrs: S. Wilson and Co. Ewe: H. Wood. Ewe, under 1½yr: J. J. Worthington. Three rams, under 1½yr: J. J. Worthington. Three ewes, under 1½yr: J. J. Worthington. Ewe, with lamb: S. Wilson and Co. Small owners sheep—Ram, over 2yrs: J. J. Worthington. Under 1½yr: J. J. Worthington. Ewe, over 2yrs: H. Wood. Under 1½yr: J. J. Worthington. Owners of less than 1500 sheep—Ram, over 2yrs: A. E. Worthington. Under 1½yr: A. E. Worthington. Ewe, over 2yrs: A. E. Worthington. Three ewes: W. Hutchison. Angora goats: J. Jones.

Fat Stock—Two oxen: Penton and Jackman. Two cows: D. McInnes. Wethers: S. Wilson and Co. Crossbred wethers: S. Wilson and Co. Crossbred lambs: W. D. Tucker. Merino lambs: W. Hutchison.

Agricultural produce.—Wheat grown during 1907: C. Haub, West Wyalong, 1; W. Lange, West Wyalong, 2; D. Nixon, Reefton, 3. Wheaten chaff: N. Neilson. Oaten hay: Prevost Bros. Bag of Jonathan or Bobs wheat: C. Haub. Wheaten hay: G. Pettit. Collection of agricultural, pastoral, dairying, and horticultural products: D. Nixon, Reefton. Locally-grown oats: J. Jones. Malting barley: W. Lange. Purple straw wheat: N. Neilson. Imperial: D. Nixon. Ensilage: D. Nixon.

In food products the principal prize takers were: Mesdames A. Andrew, D. H. Rankin, and H. R. Helyar, and Messrs. J. E. Rain and F. Ledford.

Draught stallion: E. Smith's Flashlight. Champion mare, 4yrs: D. Weir. Champion farm stallion: E. Smith. All-round saddle and harness horse: A. Judd. Buckjumping contest: T. Rankin. Artillery horse: A. Andrew. Four-in-hand: W. Heffernan. Carriage pair: A. Osborne. Unicorn team: W. Staniforth. Tandem: Staniforth. Farmers' team: T. M'Fadyean. Three farm horses: D. Weir. Five plough horses, team: D. Weir.

Handicap trot, 2m.—Staniforth's Raggetty Jack, scratch, 1; Jenkinson's Duncan, 4s behind, 2. District trot: Hart's Red Douglas, 15s behind, 1; Donaldson's Merry Lass, 20s behind, 2. Hunter's contest: Eroni Brothers' Sunshine, 1; Judd's Desmond, 2. Maiden hunters: Judd's Blue Cap. District hunters: Donaldson's Merry Lass. High jump: Eroni Brothers' Mahonga, 6ft 6in, 1; Eroni Brothers' Sunlight, 2.

Champion ram: Wilson and Co. Ewe: Wilson and Co. Bull: Lillas. Cow: Weir. Blood stallion: Weir's Biltalto. Mare: F. Miller.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

ALBURY.—Sept. 25: 25 horses, Adelaide (South Australia) to Young, Young and Radi. Sept. 26: 1560 sheep, Edgeroi to Melbourne, W. A. Webb; 990 sheep, Coonamble to Melbourne, W. Landers; 420 sheep, Coonamble to Melbourne, L. Egan. Sept. 27: 20 horses, Singleton to Wodonga, Moxham Bros.; 1222 sheep, Combadillo to Melbourne, F. A. Moses; 3025 sheep, Wingadee to Melbourne, New Zealand M. and A. Co.; 120 cattle, Wyalong to Melbourne, Morris and Wilkins; 180 cattle, Gilpippie to Melbourne, Rocklands Station Prop. Co.; 197 cattle, Durham Downs (Q.) to Melbourne, London Bank of Australia; 40 cattle, Flemington to Melbourne, W. A. Webb; 120 cattle, Warrah to Melbourne, W. Carpenter; 150 cattle, Bressa to Melbourne, A. Gilder; 104 cattle, Muswellbrook to Wodonga, J. White; 96 sheep, Round Hill to Melbourne, J. H. Balfour; 50 cattle, Tallangatta to Bulgandra, A. Thompson. Sept. 28: 142 cattle, Barunduda to Jerilderie, Lindsay Bros.; 164 cattle, Scone to Wodonga, W. H. Davies. Sept. 29: Four horses, Melbourne to Lockhart, Dr. Hamilton; 15 rams, Melbourne to Illabo, Westmacott; 35 cattle, Sydney to Melbourne, W. A. Webb; 30 cattle, Wagga to Wodonga, J. Hansen; 94 sheep, The Rock to Wodonga, A. J. Ashcroft; 16 cattle, Yerong Creek to Wodonga, Mrs. Bishop; 32 horses, Wagga to Wodonga, Quirk and Flanagan; 24 horses, Narromine to Wodonga, J. Rice. Sept. 30, Nine horses, Dundure to Wodonga, Sir S. M'Caughey; 37 cattle, Sydney to Wangaratta, W. Lewis.

WHITE STAR TRAINING SHIP.

MERSEY ON THE WAY TO SYDNEY.

The managing agents for the White Star line, Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Limited, are in receipt of accounts of an interesting ceremony which took place on board the White Star training ship Mersey on the eve of her departure last month from Liverpool for Sydney.

The Mersey, which was purchased a few months ago, holds a reputation as a fast sailer, for she has in her time accomplished many notable voyages. She is eminently suited for the purpose of training officers, while at the same time she is a practical freight-carrier.

The scheme of Mr. Bruce Ismay is to train suitable cadets as officers of the great modern liners, with preferential opportunities in the vessels of the White Star fleet. The conditions in regard to the cadets provide that they shall be articled for four years, or for three years if they are duly certified from the Conway or Worcester. The fees charged for accommodation, food, education, medical attendance, etc., are £70 for the first year, £60 for the second year, and £40 for the third year, and £30 for the fourth year. The sum of £10 is to be returned to ex-cadets on passing the necessary examination, and upon securing the position of an officer in one of the associated lines for three years.

The cadets on their way to Sydney vary in age from 14 to 17 years, and hail from various parts of the United Kingdom. The schoolroom is a large deckhouse between the main and after hatchways, and there are three dormitories, each with accommodation for 20 cadets, in the 'tween decks forward of the poop. Captain F. W. Corver, R.N.R., an old Australian commander, is in charge.

SKIN HUNG IN RIBBONS.

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TRAMWAY BOARD.

THE PRESIDENT IN THE BOX.

CONDUCTORS AND SPECIAL OFFICERS.

The Tramway Board, appointed as a wages board under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, to investigate and consider a number of grievances submitted by the Tramway Employees' Union (already published), continued sitting in the No. 2 Jury Court yesterday.

The board comprised Mr. Justice Street (President), Mr. T. R. Johnson (Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways), Mr. D. Kirkcaldie (Assistant Commissioner for Railways), Mr. H. Richardson (Assistant Commissioner for Tramways), Mr. H. Lawton (president of the New South Wales Government Tramway Employees' Union), Mr. W. Wallace (vice-president of the union), and Mr. A. C. Warton (general secretary of the union).

Mr. H. N. MacLaurin, instructed by Mr. W. A. Freeman, appeared for the claimant union; and Mr. Lamb, instructed by Mr. J. S. Cargill (solicitor for railways), for the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways.

Henry Lawton, president of the Tramway Employees' Union, was further examined by Mr. MacLaurin. Those who checked the ticket system were the uniform examiners and the special officers. He explained how the uniform men went about their work. If an examiner found a passenger who had a ticket which did not correspond with the running journal, he would ask the passenger to feel if he had another ticket. If the passenger could not find the right ticket, and adhered to his statement that he bought the ticket from the conductor, the examiner would call the conductor, who would have the opportunity of meeting his accuser face to face. The union had no great objection to this. A man reported under such circumstances would have a chance of defending himself, and of proving his innocence, provided the ticket was one of those wrongly numbered in the book. The system of issuing tickets and collecting fares could be safeguarded by the appointment of more examiners, and the abolition of the system of check by the special officer system. A man reported by a special officer might be dismissed without knowing or seeing his accuser. On appeal the identity of the special officer would be disclosed—because that officer would be there for the purpose of being cross-examined. Conductor Alexander was dismissed on the report of a special officer, and reinstated on appeal. He was found to be entirely innocent of the charge that had been made against him." This charge might have been the bad result of the system in use.

MR. LAWTON CROSS-EXAMINED.

To Mr. Lamb: In running a big concern it was probably necessary to have some system of checking possible dishonesty and carelessness amongst the conductors. He admitted this, however, only so far as it applied to the employment of uniform examiners. He wanted to see the special officers done away with altogether. He had been a conductor on the steam trams, and for a while on one of the electric lines. Subsequently he became a driver. He was driving while the special officer system was in force, and had no personal knowledge of it.

Mr. Lamb: Has a conductor who does his work honestly, fairly, and well anything to fear from the special officer system?

Witness: Yes.

A man careful and honest in issuing tickets—what has he to fear from the system unless there is some mistake in his book?—His fear would be the honesty of the people employed as special officers—whether they would perform their duties conscientiously and honestly. Alexander's case was one in point.

If the special officers do their work honestly would there be any danger to the conductor?—Yes.

By a mistake in the book?—Yes. Alexander was dismissed for issuing an expired ticket. It was proved conclusively that he was innocent of the charge. Innocent men would suffer under this system.

Will you assume that the special officers (the probationary constables) were honest and straightforward in Alexander's case?—I will not assume anything of the sort.

What has an honest man to fear if the plain clothes men do their work honestly?—We do not know that they are honest.

You object to the danger of the plain clothes men not being honest?—Exactly.

Well, assume a plain clothes man is an honest man, and the conductor is honest, is there anything to fear from the system?—If the special officer were an honest man he would tell the conductor of the offence he was about to charge him with.

If you assume the plain clothes man is honest has an honest man anything to fear?—We object to the system entirely.

Do you suggest that in Alexander's case the constables were not honest?—Yes.

Do you know that they supported their story on oath?—They might have.

You say these men perjured themselves?—I would draw that inference.

Have you gone through that case carefully?—I cannot say that I have. I have not perused the evidence.

You would allege perjury, not having considered the evidence?—Yes; on the evidence of Alexander, and the statement made by the secretary.

Witness, further examined by Mr. Lamb, stated that he had received the butt of tickets (produced) from a conductor, whose name he did not want to disclose. He could not say whether there had been two cases of butts and tickets being wrongly numbered, or whether there were fifty cases. If the conductors kept the butts of the tickets they issued they would have a check against wrong numbering. They did not keep the butts, because they did not want to carry about unnecessary lumber. A conductor would have three to five butts as the result of a day's work. There was no difficulty in keeping the butts.

Mr. Lamb: Yet the keeping of the butts would obviate any possibility of a charge being sustained against them, if the tickets were wrongly numbered?

Witness: Yes.

In further reply to Mr. Lamb witness stated that any man dismissed had the right of appeal to the Appeals Board. This board comprised one representative of the men, selected by the whole of the railway and tramway service. A man who failed before the Appeals Board had the right of appeal to the Commissioners. A man was, however, defenceless under the system of espionage. He had heard of special officers Willard and Smith.

Mr. Lamb explained that these two special officers had made 1690 trips, and had found 28 irregularities. In 15 of these cases the men had admitted that they were rightly charged.

Witness said he was not aware of this when he had said that he did not know of any having pleaded guilty.

Mr. Lamb (to witness): You would not dismiss a system for the detection of crime because in some case a person is prosecuted and found not guilty?

Witness: Yes, I would.

Continuing, witness said Croucher's dismissal was a decision unanimously given, while Alexander's was a majority decision. He would not say that the board had held that Croucher was not telling the truth.

Mr. Lamb: Yet you suggested that about the special officers in Alexander's case!

Witness did not know whether Croucher's case was considered by the Premier and Attorney-General. He knew that Croucher was considered to be innocent by practically the whole of the union. A special officer might not be able to tell at the time whether a ticket was a good or a bad one. He did not know if drivers had a system of signalling when an examiner was on the road.

Mr. Lamb explained that during last year 172,000,000 tickets had been issued on the tramways, and he commented on the evidence as to two butts of tickets only being found to be wrongly numbered.

Witness stated that he had no definite knowledge of any case where a conductor had been dealt with on the uncorroborated evidence of any passenger who had stated that a wrong ticket held by him had been sold to him by the conductor.

Re-examined by Mr. MacLaurin, witness stated that special officers might be honest and make mistakes. It was possible for tickets to be wrongly numbered, and for this fact to be not discovered. There was no rule respecting the butts of tickets.

Mr. Lamb informed the board that there had been six special officers (two at a time) since the espionage system was introduced. As the identity of these men became known their services were dispensed with.

To Mr. Wallace: The fact that the special officers joined the cars secretly and left in the same way enabled them to make up a charge without the conductor being able to defend himself against what they might say. The appeal was of little advantage to the appellant under the present system, as it was almost impossible for a man to prove his innocence. If special officers showed smartness in the tramway service they were given recommendations from the superintendent on leaving to take up duties in the police force.

Mr. MacLaurin applied for an adjournment until Tuesday, in order to re-arrange the evidence.

His Honor said this inquiry was hampering the Commissioners in the discharge of their duties, and that all possible delays should be avoided.

The board adjourned till 10.30 the following day.

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LAW REPORT.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.)

RELEASE FROM CUSTODY.

Re Percy Mitchell.

Mr. G. Coleman appeared for the bankrupt, Percy Mitchell, who had been arrested under a writ of ca. sa. and confined in Parramatta Gaol, and moved for an order for his release from custody. Mr. A. Mitchell (agent for Mr. G. M. M'Carthy, of Windsor) appeared for Andrew Stephen, judgment creditor, to submit to any order the Court might make. He, however, pointed out that bankrupt had not satisfied the judgment or any part of it.

Mitchell, in his affidavit, stated that he was 24 years of age. In October, 1907, Andrew Stephens brought an action against him, claiming £500 damages for the seduction of his daughter. The action, which was defended by bankrupt, was tried on the 24th April last, before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four, and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff, with damages £350. The costs amounted to £152, or thereabouts, and he had never been applied to for payment of the verdict and costs, either personally or through his solicitor, Mr. J. W. Abigail. After the action the plaintiff caused him to be arrested, and he was lodged in Parramatta Gaol. He also said he had no real estate, and a sum left to him from his father's estate had been expended in connection with the litigation referred to. He afterwards sequestrated his estate.

Mr. Mitchell said that the bankrupt had not yet filed any statement of affairs.

His Honor: He has filed an affidavit in connection with his statement of affairs, from which it appears that his assets amounted to £5, and his liabilities to £552.

Mr. Mitchell said that in order to test the accuracy of the bankrupt's statement of affairs it would be necessary for him to attend his first examination. If he did not, the judgment creditor would have to apply for an examination under section 30, which would impose greater expense upon him.

Mr. Coleman said he could give an assurance on behalf of the bankrupt that he would attend his first meeting in bankruptcy for examination.

His Honor said that under section 25 of the Judgment Creditors Remedies Act the bankrupt was entitled to his release either absolutely or under such conditions as the Court thought fit to impose. It appeared from the evidence before him that the bankrupt was possessed of no property out of which he could satisfy the claim of the judgment creditor, and he had not parted with any property out of which the claim might have been satisfied. He could, therefore, see no useful purpose to be served by keeping him in gaol unless he was kept there merely as an additional punishment for the disgraceful conduct of which bankrupt had been found guilty by a jury. It was, however, no part of his duty as a Judge in Bankruptcy to impose punishment of that kind, and therefore he ordered applicant's release from gaol. But as he had given an undertaking to the Court to attend his examination required for the purpose of having his affairs investigated, he would expose himself to punishment by the Court if the undertaking were not carried out. He must also pay the costs of the present application.

(Before the Acting Registrar.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Thomas Dowling. On the motion of Mr. Loxton, this application was adjourned to the 15th instant.

Re Mammon Cassin. Mr. A. J. M'Donald appeared for the bankrupt, and applied for a certificate of discharge. After hearing the report of the official assignee, and the bankrupt's affidavit in reply, the Registrar said that the bankrupt kept no proper books, though under the Act he was bound to keep business-books in English. In consequence of this the Official Assignee could not say anything definite about his statement of affairs. He suspended the issue of the bankrupt's certificate for a period of two years.

Re Donald M'Donald. Mr. J. L. Bilsborrow appeared on behalf of the bankrupt, but the application was adjourned for three weeks to permit of it being turned into a motion for release of the estate.

SINGLE MEETINGS.

Re Norman Ramsay Murray. Bankrupt did not appear, and the meeting was adjourned to October 15.

Re Herbert Henry Phegan. The bankrupt was present, and was examined by Mr. Palmer, official assignee, of the estate. He said he had never assigned his estate. The cause of his bankruptcy was disappointment in regard to the erection of certain houses at Waverley, which cost more than he had originally been led to believe. He commenced these building operations by raising money on the land which he had owned, but had no capital. He had been in financial difficulties ever since he started five years ago.

The further hearing was adjourned to the 15th instant, and bankrupt was ordered to file accounts in the meantime.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Mr. H. A. G. Curry (President) and Messrs. C. Brandis and W. Houston, members.)

FOWLER v ROWLEY.

Mr. Pike, instructed by Mr. Broderick, of Forbes, appeared for Fowler; and Mr. Canaway, instructed by Mr. Raymond, of Forbes, for Rowley. Argument was heard in the matter of Fowler v Rowley in which the terms of a special case for statement to the Supreme Court on appeal were being settled. Fowler, it appeared, applied for 880 acres, and Rowley applied for 1470 acres, including the land applied for by Fowler. The district in which the land is situated is near Lake Cowal. Rowley's application was in the first instance successful, but Fowler appealed to the Land Court, which ordered that he be allowed the 880 acres, and Rowley should be allowed the balance. Rowley now sought to appeal to the Supreme Court, on the ground that the Land Appeal Court had no jurisdiction to entertain the appeal. Fowler asked that the validity of Rowley's application be determined.

Mr. Canaway took a preliminary objection, that the draft statement of the case was not lodged in time after notice was given of intention to appeal, but the Court, though expressing some doubt as to the real meaning of the regulation on which the objection was founded, overruled the objection. On the main question judgment was reserved.

The President delivered his decision on two appeals by L. Campbell against the direction of the Bellingen Land Board in respect of Michael Shea's additional homestead selection application, No. 1908-3, Bellingen, and against the disallowance of his additional homestead selection application, unnumbered, Bellingen, and said an area described as of about 550 acres was set apart under section 4 of the Land Act of 1905 for additional conditional purchases, conditional leases, and additional homestead selections, or additional settlement leases. The land became available on June 11 this year, and eight applications were received for it, wholly or in part. Four were disallowed, and in satisfaction of the others the local Land Board allotted portions of the land set apart. M. Shea, J. Parker, and S. Merrick each applied for the whole area, and the board allotted 200 acres to Shea, 180 to Parker, and 60 to Merrick. Two preliminary objections were taken on behalf of Parker and Shea, one being that notice of the appeals was not given to Parker, and the other that Shea had not received proper notice. The first question was, Was Parker entitled to notice of appeal? At present there was no conflict between the appellant and him. The President said that the first objection should be overruled. As to the second question—whether Shea had received proper notice—a statutory declaration had been admitted, in which Campbell said he had served a copy of the notice of appeal on Michael Shea by delivering it to Miss R. Shea on August 15 last, such date being within 28 days of the decision of the Land Board.

Commissioners Brandis and Houston, in a combined judgment, said that, having considered the objections, they had concluded that Parker and Campbell, having been conflicting applicants for the same land, before the board, were parties before the Court; consequently Parker was entitled to receive notice of Campbell's appeal, which, it was admitted by his agent, Mr. Boltwood, had not been given. The fact of the board, in its apportionment of the land between the several applicants, having directed a survey of other land to Parker than that applied for, did not appear to terminate Parker's rights as a party in the case, as in the event of his appeal being sustained, which would necessarily involve a reconsideration by the board of its decision, Parker would surely be entitled to be heard. As regarded the objection taken on behalf of Shea, the statutory declaration put in by Campbell's agent showed that Campbell, whose duty is was to give notice of his appeal, served on him only a copy of one of such notices. The defect was an obvious one, and had already been held fatal by the Court. For these reasons, the objections should be sustained.

Objections, therefore, upheld by majority of the Court, and appeals struck out.

METROPOLITAN QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Rogers and juries.)

Mr. Herbert Harris, Crown Prosecutor.

CONCERNING A CAMERA.

Samuel Israel denied a charge of having had in his possession on August 22 last a photographic camera, the property of John Herbert Squire, he knowing at the time that it had been stolen. Mr. E. R. Abigail defended the accused. The prosecutor, Squire, is a dealer in photographic goods, carrying on business in King-street, city, and had in his employ a lad named Wood. This lad stole the camera on August 27, and on the following day he tried to sell it to a pawnbroker in Newtown, but no business resulted. He then went to the establishment of the accused, who carried on the business of a second-hand dealer in George-street West, and offered it for sale. Accused asked him if it was his. He replied "No," and accused offered him 3s 6d for it. He finally came down to 3s, and bought it for that sum. The value of the camera was stated at £7 10s. The purchase money entered in the book which accused, according to the Second-hand Dealers Act, is compelled to keep was 9/6. Wood admitted in the witness-box that he had pleaded guilty to stealing the camera, and had been liberated under the first offenders' section of the Crimes Act. Accused in a statement from the dock said Wood at the time the camera was purchased informed him that it was his own, that it had been given him by his aunt to take views of the American fleet, but he could not work it. As he (accused) did not understand cameras he purchased it for 9s 6d, and paid that sum for it. Evidence was given on his behalf.

The jury found the accused guilty, but strongly recommended him to mercy on account of his advanced age. He was remanded for sentence.

BULGARIANS ACQUITTED.

Stoio Stantcheff and Nedeleche Tetchoff, two Bulgarians, pleaded guilty to "taking, but not stealing" a horse, the property of Theodor Boiadgeff, at Richmond on September 7. Prosecutor said the two accused were employed in his market garden at Richmond, and on the night of September 7, the horse was in the stable, but in the morning it was gone. Accused were also gone. The jury, by direction of his Honor, after evidence, found the accused not guilty, and they were discharged.

STOLEN MONEY.

Ciss Cosh pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing a bag and £14 in money from the person of Essex Williams, at Sydney, on September 1. Prosecutor said the money was taken from him by accused near the Avenue and City-road, Newtown, on the night of the day mentioned. The accused denied her guilt, and said the theft must have been committed by three other women, who were in the vicinity at the time. She was found guilty, and shown to have been convicted on numerous previous occasions, and a sentence of 12 months' light labour in Bathurst gaol was imposed upon her.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.

SUPREME COURT.

Chamber List.—At 10 a.m.: Cor. Darley, C.J.: Grimson v Freeman and another, to set aside order; M'Kinley v Kirkwood, to review judgment.

In Equity.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Maher v Mulligan, to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Richard Rouse Terry, 10.30; Elizabeth Shaw, 11; Thomas Leonard, 11.30; Ellen Rose, 12; Henry Augustus Lyons, 12.15.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Acting Registrar.—At 10 a.m.: Creditors' petitions—T. C. Davis and Sons, Ltd., v D. J. Cox; the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Ltd., v Edmund Robertson Cock; John George Bryen v David Kerr; Sargood Bros. v Maria Thomas, William James Thomas, and Richard Anglesey Thomas, trading as J. and W. Thomas.

Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.30 a.m.: Taxation of debtors' costs—James Patrick M'Intosh; taxation of official assignee's costs—James Henry Butler, Robert Hilliard.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

OCTOBER SITTINGS.

LIST OF DEFENDED CAUSES.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse.—Doodeward v Spence, Newson v Cooper, Henry v Watson, Thompson v Hume, Morris v Farmer, Levy v Solomon, Talbot and another v Buchanan, Nottingham v Travis, Sinden v M'Intosh and another, Solomon v James, Richardson v the Vacuum Cleaner Company of New South Wales, Ltd., Oakes v Schmiddin, Small v Perpetual Trustee Company, Ltd., Tanner v Singh, Usher v Heffernan, Mobbs v Myler and another, Moses v Thomas, Whittaker v Marsh, M'Neil v Turnbull, Mannering v Kempthorne, Mulcahy v New Zealand Insurance Company, Ltd., Buckley v Blake, Hicks v the New South Wales Mont de Piete Deposit and Investment Company, Ltd., Todd v Fowler and another, Roche v Denyer and another. Causes not exceeding £10: Oliver v Dawbarn, Stinson v the Intercolonial Investment, Land, and Building Company, Ltd.

Jury Causes.—Smith v Fox, Silcock v Wolper, Simpson v the "Bulletin" Newspaper Company, Ltd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse.—At 10 a.m.: Examinations of judgment debtors (in Chambers in No. 2 Court): Cranstone v Valantine, Booker v Hirst, Bohrsmann v Hansen, Harford v Dayton Moneyweight Scale Company, Ltd., Christiansen v Millett and another, M'Hugh v M'Grath, Holmes v Grant, Godfrey v Gavlin, Smith v Webbe. Motions generally (in No. 1 Court): Neville v Colls, Davis v Comino, Arnott v Jerome; Cohen v Defries, Doodeward v Spence.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Probate Court.—Before his Honor Judge Heydon.—At 10 a.m.: In re C. and G. Hoskins, Ltd., summons for offence against S. 42 (a); in re C. Hoskins, summons for offence against S. 41 (b); re Fellmongering Board, to fix number of members to sit and be elected; re Shipping (masters and officers) Board, to fix number to be elected; the Colliery Mechanics Mutual Protective Association, Hunter River district, application for board for Newcastle collieries; re same association, application for board for Maitland collieries; the Factory Employees' Union of New South Wales, application for board.

Industrial Registrar's Office, Queen's-square.—Before the Industrial Registrar.—At 10.30 a.m.: Re Shop Assistants' award, appeal under clause 9, re Miss J. Gillies.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

William Angel, false pretences; George Bray, burglary.

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POLICE COURTS.

BREACHES OF EARLY CLOSING ACT.

At the North Sydney Summons Court yesterday, before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., Charles A. Bonarius, an inspector under the Early Closing Act, proceeded against Mary Rapp, Frederick Joyce, Alice Williams, Joseph Bennett, Joseph Farnvelli, shopkeepers, of North Sydney, for having committed a breach of the Act, by keeping their shops open after hours. In each case the defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 10s, with 6s costs, or, in default, seven days' imprisonment.

PENNY IN THE SLOT.

Before Mr. J. L. King, S.M., at the Balmain Police Court on Wednesday, William Garbutt, 27, electrician, was committed for trial on a charge of stealing 2s 3d from a penny-in-the-slot meter, at 15 Carrington-street, Balmain, the property of the Australian Gaslight Company.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

At the Balmain Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. J. L. King, S.M., J. T. Robinson, butcher, was convicted on a charge of having an unjust weight in his possession, and was fined £1, with 6s costs, or seven days' imprisonment.

Annie Seaberg, at the same court, was convicted on a similar charge, and was ordered to pay a mitigated fine of 5s, with 6s costs, or three days' imprisonment.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

At the Central Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., James Hogan, 27, labourer, and Alfred Woodley, 23, labourer, were charged with attempting to steal the sum of 10s 6d and a Savings Bank book from Edward King, at Sydney, on September 22. At 4.15 p.m. on the day stated the accused were watched by a police officer following prosecutor and a woman into the Corinthian Coffee Palace in Burton-street, city. The man and woman came out shortly afterwards, and went to the Oxford-street Coffee Palace, closely followed by the accused. They entered, and the constable, from the door, heard the woman say, "Let the man alone, and I'll get him a bed here." Witness went in, and saw Hogan holding the man by the right arm and the collar of his coat, while Woodley was in the act of taking his left hand out of the inside pocket of King's coat, and then attempted to put his hand in King's left-hand trousers pocket. Both accused pleaded not guilty, but were convicted, and sentenced to a month's imprisonment, with hard labour.

ASSAULT.

Frederick Laws, 20, labourer, was charged before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., at the Central Police Court, on Wednesday, with assaulting Daniel O'Shea, at Sydney, on September 28. The same accused was also charged with maliciously damaging a lettered plate-glass window, value £2, the property of Daniel O'Shea, and with using bad language in the bar of the Sir John Young Hotel, George and Liverpool streets. The three cases were taken together. Evidence was given by prosecutor, the licensee of O'Shea's Hotel, that defendant and another man came into the hotel about 8 o'clock on the night of September 28, and asked for two drinks. Witness asked for the money, and defendant replied that he had not got any. Witness said he could not give any drinks without the money. He then used the language complained of. Witness ordered him out, and he used more bad language. Witness caught hold of him to put him out, when his mate came behind witness and struck him. The defendant had an iron bar, and the other man had stones. Witness' son came to his assistance, and defendant raised the iron bar and struck the glass door with it, breaking the glass. Corroborative testimony was given, and the defendant was convicted and sentenced to a month's imprisonment for the assault; he was fined 10s for maliciously damaging the door, and ordered to pay the damage, £2, in default another month's hard labour; he was further ordered to pay a fine of £3, in default two months' imprisonment with hard labour, for using the language.

ALLEGED RECEIVING.

Before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., at the Summons Court of the Central Police Court, on Wednesday, Louis Prudhomme was charged with receiving two pairs of braces, one bundle of socks, three silk handkerchiefs, and three ties, the property of Hordern Brothers, well knowing the same to have been stolen. Mr. Barry (Curtiss and Barry) appeared for the defence.

Sergeant O'Dea said, from something a boy named Sydney Phillips, whom he had in custody, told him, he went to the shop kept by the accused at 20 Market-street, city. Accused denied having bought any socks, ties, silk handkerchiefs, or braces since September 4. If he had done so, he said, the entry would have been in the book. He showed witness the book, which did not contain any entry of his having bought anything of that description. Later, witness confronted accused with a young man named Malcolm Mackenzie. Accused denied ever seeing him before. Mackenzie said he had sold the goods to accused, and that he gave him 9/3 for them. Witness then searched the shop, and found the two silk handkerchiefs produced in the window; also the bundle of socks on one of the shelves. In reply to witness, accused said he bought the handkerchiefs with the business from Mrs. Liddy, and the socks also, he supposed.

To Mr. Barry: The handkerchiefs were exposed for sale in the shop, and a person going in would see them.

Malcolm Mackenzie said he had been in the employ of Hordern Brothers, Pitt-street. On September 4 Sydney Phillips gave him a bundle of socks and three silk handkerchiefs. Those were the ones in court. Witness sold them to the accused. There were also two pairs of braces and three ties. Accused gave him 9/3 for the lot.

Sydney Phillips gave evidence that he stole certain goods from Hordern Brothers, and gave them to Mackenzie, who went to a shop in Market-street with them.

The accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

At the Glebe Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. Love, D.S.M., William Angel, alias Leonard Graham, alias Henry Angus, alias Lindsay Victor Angel, was charged with having obtained from Esther Blair, at Glebe, on June 14, partly by means of a false pretence, and partly by a false promise, goods valued at £1 1s 9d.

Esther Blair said accused arranged with her for board and lodging, saying that he was a patient at Prince Alfred Hospital, and wished to live near the institution. He said his father was the owner of Hunnula Station, near Wagga, and that money was no object to him. He stayed for two weeks, and was nursed through an attack of influenza. It was on the accused's representations that she helped him.

The accused was committed for trial, and was allowed bail.

He was also committed for trial on a charge of having stolen some razors and articles of wearing apparel, of the value of 21s, the property of Herbert Elliott, another boarder at Mrs. Blair's house, on June 25.

In answer to the Bench, the police stated that the accused had been committed on five other charges, while ten charges had been withdrawn. Light bail had been allowed in several of the cases.

FILTHY PREMISES.

Before Mr. Love, S.M., in the Central Summons Court, on Wednesday, Nathan Rumelsen, grocer, of George-street West, was proceeded against on a charge of keeping filthy premises. Evidence was given that casks containing rotten salmon, liquid filth, rotten peaches, etc., were found on the premises, and that the odour given forth was of an objectionable character. Mr. Love convicted, and imposed a fine of £5, with 6s costs, in default 21 days' imprisonment.

ENTENTE CORDIALE OR WAR.

An Italian named Peter Martin, and a Frenchman named Antonio Mandel, sat together in the dock at the Central Police Court on Tuesday. Their case was called, and they were charged with riotous behaviour. An interpreter explained to them that they were alleged to have been fighting. They denied the charge, and their sweet accord in the dock certainly lent colour to the denial. Mr. Harry Levien said that these foreigners did not fight. They were kissing, and the policeman mistook the attitude. However, the officer was certain, and eventually the men in the dock amended their plea. A small fine was inflicted.

ALLEGED THEFT.

YOUNG WOMAN COMMITTED.

Gladys Olive Wilson, 20, a clerk, was charged, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., at the Water Police Court yesterday morning with stealing from the dwelling of Davies Silverman five gold rings, one gold brooch, a pair of opera glasses, two pairs of boots, one lady's silver watch, and sundry articles, as well as £5 in money, the total value being £22 15s.

Accused was committed for trial.

TRANSFERS OF PUBLICANS' LICENSES.

The Central Licensing Bench yesterday granted the following transfers of publicans' licenses:—College Green Hotel, Meagher-street, city, Margaret Joyce to Harry Benham; Premier Seddon Hotel, George-street, city, Florence Wells to John Considine; Royal George Hotel, King and Sussex streets, Sidney Wildie to George Lawrence; Royal Hotel, Crown and William streets, Arthur E. M'Lean to Sarah Price; Market Hotel, Sussex-street, city, Lucy Amy Chapman to Frank F. King; Northern Club Hotel, George-street, city, Elizabeth J. Bissaker to Robert Millen.

YOUNG MAN'S PERSISTENCY.

NURSE AND THE PITMAN.

ALLEGED THREAT TO SHOOT.

At the North Sydney Summons Court yesterday, before Mr. King, D.S.M., Byron Ellery was proceeded against by Edith Atkins, upon an information alleging that, on September 23, he had threatened her by saying, "If I had a revolver, now, I would shoot you, I will shoot you sooner or later," whereby complainant apprehended violence, and asked that he should be bound over to keep the peace.

Edith Atkins, a nurse-girl, employed at Neutral Bay, said that she had known defendant all her life, and was at one time keeping company with him. She had, however, broken off with him. About 10.30 p.m. on September 23, she was at the Spit-road junction, Mosman, when defendant approached and asked her where she was living, but witness did not tell him, because he had caused her to leave other places. Defendant caught her by the arm, and she tried to get away, whereupon he tore her blouse. Defendant said that if witness did not tell him where she lived, he would shoot her some time or other. The threat made her nervous, and she was afraid that defendant would injure her, and she asked that he should be bound over to keep the peace. On one occasion she had been frightened by defendant, and had been obliged to call her mistress. Through that she lost her position. On one occasion he produced a bottle, and drank its contents, and she thought that he was taking poison. She lost her position through that. He had used force to hold her when she tried to get away from him, and she used to speak to him to prevent his making a noise. He would not go away until she did see him.

Byron Ellery, a pitman, employed by the railway commissioners, said that he lived at the Spit, Middle Harbour. He denied using threatening language to complainant, nor did he intend to do her any harm or bodily injury. He never interfered with her, but simply stopped and spoke to her. He never told the girl that he had a bottle of poison, nor did he threaten to shoot her.

Defendant was bound over to keep the peace for a period of six months in the sum of £10, with one surety of £10, or, in default, six months' imprisonment. He was also ordered to pay £1 7s costs, or, in default, seven days' imprisonment.

DEPUTATIONS.

BRIDGE OVER GEORGE'S RIVER.

Yesterday Mr. W. Taylor, M.L.A., introduced to the Minister for Works a large deputation, representing the municipalities of St. George and surrounding districts and the various public bodies on the other side of the George's River, who urged the necessity for the construction of a bridge across the river at some point on the eastern side of the Como railway bridge. It was admitted that such a bridge would probably cost about £100,000, but the great traffic, which was increasing rapidly, would shortly necessitate the duplication of the present punt facilities, and this would mean a maintenance charge of about £2000 per annum—an amount which would go far towards meeting the interest charge on the capital cost of a bridge.

Mr. Lee in reply said that nearly the whole of the congestion took place on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. This came about by people going to pleasure resorts, chiefly Cronulla. The reason of the congestion was that there was no other way of getting to Cronulla except by vehicle. When the tramway was built, would not that relieve the congestion? ("No.") He took the view that it would. At any rate, he would not be justified in embarking on an expenditure of £100,000 on a bridge until he saw the result of the tram. He had no doubt some better facilities would have to be afforded for getting across the river eventually, but he could make no promise in regard to it at present.

TRAM TO ROSEBERY PARK RACECOURSE.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A., introduced to the Minister for Works a deputation from the Rosebery Park Racing Club, who asked for an extension of the tramway from Botany-road to the racecourse. It was pointed out that the attendance at the course last year had exceeded 40,000, and on that basis a 2d return fare would mean a revenue of £360 or £400. Assuming that the line would cost £12,000, the interest on that would be £410, and the proprietary were prepared to make up the full amount of the interest should the revenue not meet it. But owing to the inevitable increase in the race traffic, as well as the creation of general traffic, they were convinced that there would be no loss.

Mr. Lee in reply said that as the club were prepared to guarantee any loss on interest and working expenses he would consult his colleagues immediately and see if the line could not be put in hand.

THE SMOKE NUISANCE.

MENDING THE LAW.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE CIVIC AUTHORITIES.

The Lord Mayor has received a letter from the Premier, enclosing a copy of the last Smoke Nuisance Prevention Bill placed before Parliament in 1906, and asking for suggestions on the subject. The Lord Mayor has referred the matter to the city health officer (Dr. Armstrong) and the city solicitor (Mr. Dawson) for an early report as to the defects of the existing law, on receipt of which he will communicate with the Premier.

The matter raises some questions that have frequently been discussed in the council, such as—(1) the inadequacy of fines for offences; (2) the impossibility of dealing with public companies under the existing law. This is owing to the abolition of distraint as an alternative to fines, and the substitution of imprisonment. You cannot imprison a public company, which following a current expression has neither body nor soul. (3) The suggestion that the magistrate be given some such power after a certain number of fines have been imposed without avail, as that of compulsory closure. A similar power exists with respect to health inspection, and the principle might with advantage be applied to the smoke nuisance.

The last is really the root of the matter. A big man or company can afford to go on paying fines, which are at most an inconvenience, and never a deterrent. Notorious examples exist in the city where the nuisance has not been abated by fine. But the fear of compulsory closure would be a wholesome check on the smoke fiend.

Considerations of this kind will no doubt be given adequate treatment by the civic authorities, and if embodied in a new bill should practically end the evil.

CITY CORONER'S COURT.

FELL FROM A ROOF.

Mr. T. G. Adrian, Acting City Coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death at the inquest held yesterday concerning the death of Henry Walter James, a painter, lately living in Elizabeth-street, Strawberry Hills. Deceased died on September [illegible] from the effects of a fractured skull, caused by a fall from the roof of the Australian Hotel, George-street West, on the same day.

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BIRTHS.

POCKLEY.—Saturday, September 26, at Toowong, Queensland, the wife of R. C. Pockley—a daughter.

TAYLOR.—September 30, at St. Elmo Private Hospital, Glenmore-road, Alice, the wife of Charles F. Taylor, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CHEW—McDONALD.—August 29, 1908, at Stanley Station, Young, by Rev. G. P. Metcalfe, Herbert Leslie, younger son of John Thomas Chew, Dananbilla Station, Young, to Hilda Mary, elder daughter of the late F. D. McDonald, Manager Commercial Bank, Young.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

SIMPSON—CARTWRIGHT.—September 27, 1858, at The Manse, Goulburn, by the Rev. Dr. Ross, John Simpson, of Grangemouth, Scotland, to Marianne Cartwright, of County Cavan, Ireland. Present address: Weddin, via Young.

DEATHS.

BRENNAN.—October 1, at Darlinghurst, Mary Ellen Brennan (wife of James Brennan), aged 40 years.

CHIPPINDALL.—September 26, at Inverell, Susan, relict of the late John Chippindall.

CREMER.—At her late residence, 11 Ben Eden-street, Waverley, Edith B. Cremer, third daughter of Mrs. C. W. Cowburn, late of Goulburn, aged 20 years.

BATES.—In loving memory of our dear father, who died September 10, 1898, aged 67 years; also our dear mother, who died October 2, 1907, aged 76 years.

Dearest mother, how we miss you;
When on earth I loved you dearly;
None was more than you to me.
Did I think the night I left you,
That your face no more I'd see.
Do not ask me how I miss you,
And the good advice you gave.
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Around our darling mother's grave.

Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren, L. and N. Nicholas.

GORDON.—October 1, 1908, Thomas P. P. Gordon (late of M.F.B.), aged 51 years. By request, no flowers.

HOLAH.—September 30, at Acton, Earl-street, Randwick, Lucy May, daughter of William J. and Harriet Holah, aged 3 months.

LONSDALE.—October 1, 1908, at her residence, 50 John-street, Woollahra, Hariette Ann Lonsdale, widow of the late William James Lonsdale.

MATTHEWS.—September 30, at 63 Millswyn-street, South Yarra, Victoria, Percy Adams Matthews, Branch Inspector of the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, Ltd.

STACEY.—September 30, at her mother's residence, 27 Bellevue-street, Surry Hills, Frances Margaret (Cissie), wife of Mr. J. Stacey, Auckland, New Zealand, and daughter of the late James Grogan, of West Maitland. R.I.P. Auckland papers please copy.

IN MEMORIAM.

BEE.—In loving memory of our dear friend, Thomas Bee, who departed this life October 2, 1907. Inserted by his friends, M. Ellis and M. Dougan.

He suffered pain and grief below,
Christ heals him now from all his woe;
For him that endless joy began,
He shines in glory like the sun.

BUSHBY.—In fond and loving memory of our dear brother, William, who departed this life October 2nd, 1907. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Eben, and Florrie.

FRANK.—In sad and loving memory of our darling son and brother, John Noad Frank (Jack), who died October 2, 1905, aged 7 years and 2 months.

God has taken back our darling,
Placed our bud among His flowers;
Taken back our darling loved one
To a better home than ours.

Inserted by his sorrowing parents, W. J. and Jessie Frank, and brothers and sister, Will, Harry, and Jessie.

GATES.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who died October 2nd, 1907, aged 76 years. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving daughter, F. Hunt, and family.

GALLAGHER.—In ever loving remembrance of my dear mother, Margaret Gallagher, who passed away October 2nd, 1902, at St. Peters. R.I.P. Inserted by her loving daughter, Katie Gallagher.

NEWTON.—In fond remembrance of our dear son, Carlyle Newton, who passed away October 2, 1907. Inserted by his loving father and mother, Thomas John and Margaret Ann Newton.

NEWTON.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Carlyle Newton, who departed this life October 2, 1907. Inserted by his loving brothers and sisters, Arthur, Bertha, Ethel, and Howard. At rest.

PIMM.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Ernest, who departed this life, October 2nd, 1907, aged 21 years 10 months. Inserted by his sorrowing mother and brother, Will. Sadly missed.

PIMM.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Ernest, who departed this life October 2nd, 1907, aged 21 years 10 months. Inserted by his loving sisters, Florrie, May, Maggie, and Violet.

ROBINSON.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who departed this life October 2, 1907. Inserted by her loving son, Alfred.

ROWLY.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Henry Rowly, who died October 2nd, 1907. Inserted by his loving wife and children. Rest and peace for evermore.

ROWLY.—In loving memory of my dear father, Henry Rowly, who died October 2nd, 1907. Inserted by his loving eldest daughter. After life's fitful fever he sleeps well.

SAYERS.—In loving memory of my darling daughter and our sister, Mary (Cis), who departed this life October 2, 1906, aged 22 years and 6 months.

Do not ask me if I miss her—
There is such a vacant place;
Can we ever forget her footsteps
And my darling's loving face?
All you who have a sister,
Love her while you may;
She cannot always linger here,
Too soon she'll pass away.

Inserted by her sorrowing mother, brother, and sister, Tom and Hattie.

TUTTLE.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, Alice Elizabeth Tuttle, late of Studio, 360 Oxford-street, Paddington, who died October 2, 1907, wife of W. N. Tuttle, photographer. Inserted by her loving daughter, Lenore Tuttle.

WILKINSON.—In loving memory of my dear son, J. A. Wilkinson, who died at Beaconsfield, South Bankstown, October 2nd, 1907. Inserted by his loving mother.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. C. W. COWBURN and FAMILY desire to return sincere THANKS for kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes during their late sad bereavement.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1908.

THE AUDITOR-GENERAL.

The position of the Auditor-General is one of peculiar responsibility, and the Act defining it gives him powers which are full and are well guarded. He is not a Civil servant in the ordinary sense of the term. He is not removable at the will of a board or on the nod of a Minister, and Parliament alone can deal with him. The representatives of the people can alone dismiss him if he has abused his office or betrayed his trust. That is to say, he is to all intents and purposes a judge sitting to deal with the public accounts as the direct guardian of the people's interests, and he has been specially protected against possible pressure from well-meaning or unscrupulous politicians. It may fairly be said of the present incumbent, we think, that he has hitherto carried out the duties of Auditor-General without fear or favour, and that he has dealt with the public accounts from year to year with ability, integrity, and zeal. No one is likely to maintain that Mr. Vernon has never made mistakes. He is human like the rest of us, and it is quite possible that he has not only magnified his office, but that he has said and written what it had been better to have left unspoken and unexpressed. Thus in the annual report recently issued, parts of which have given such umbrage to the State Treasurer and to other members and supporters of the Ministry, it would be easy to find material for criticism. Large type is freely used to emphasise statements under the various headings, and the drop to italics in some cases is sufficiently suggestive. There seems to be an evident desire to magnify the comment and to drive home conclusions, which is hardly compatible with a calm and dispassionate handling of masses of figures, or with the judgment which is generally reached. It is clear on the whole, however, that the Auditor-General is satisfied with the way in which the public accounts have been kept, and with the Government's attitude upon the question of sound finance. Looking at the report broadly, we think that it must tend to strengthen the credit of the State. It has been written quite evidently with energy, and with what might almost be called enthusiasm. The Auditor-General has taken pleasure in his work, and the usual dry-as-dust comment has given way to the earnest words of a writer moved by keen interest in his subject. To this report serious exception has been taken in Parliament, and Mr. Vernon has been charged with offering gratuitous advice to the responsible Ministers of the Crown. The member for Goulburn, speaking in the Legislative Assembly last night, declared that a biassed report had been presented, and that the Auditor-General had "not only exceeded the proper boundary of his authority, but he had inflicted serious damage on the credit of the State." We are inclined to think that any damage inflicted upon the credit of the State will come through the attack now made, and not by anything that has appeared in an official document which presents the financial condition of the State in a very favourable light.

So far as the collection of certain royalties is concerned, the reply of the Minister for Agriculture may be accepted as satisfactory. Mr. Perry as Minister for Mines acted with an apparent desire to do the best he could for the State in remitting or refunding amounts held to be due, and his reputation for integrity and ability is sufficient guarantee that there was neither partisanship nor loose administration. It may be perfectly true also that the ... [illegible] was one favoured by Mr. Vernon when occupying a lower position than Auditor-General. As we have already indicated, there is probably plenty of material for criticism; but nothing that has so far been disclosed has, in our opinion, in any way convicted Mr. Vernon either of wilful falsehood or of factious opposition to the members of the present Ministry. His judicial position carries with it a certain freedom which must be respected. It is essential that the Auditor-General should not be afraid to speak out, and especially that he should be fearless against even the appearance of political pressure. We do not for a moment contend that, because Mr. Waddell or Mr. Perry has spoken warmly, there has been any personal quarrel with the Auditor-General on political grounds. Yet the public do not forget that politicians insensibly claim a great deal, and very often demand more than can be fairly granted. It has, indeed, been the misfortune of this State in the past that the departments have been the happy hunting grounds of the politicians, and that the best interests of New South Wales have been sacrificed to serve the ends of conscienceless individuals with seats in Parliament and a pull upon the Governments of the day. There is all the more need, therefore, why the position of Auditor-General should be doubly guarded, and why attacks upon him should be thoroughly justified before he is allowed to go under. As to the question whether in his last report the Auditor-General exceeded his authority, we fancy the public will be moved to read the Audit Act liberally. It is, of course, a matter for legal interpretation in the first instance. No amount of popular feeling will give power through an Act which is not conferred in its provisions; but in the present instance even the layman can see that considerable latitude must be allowed. Authorities on auditing have been quoted as though the Auditor-General were to be placed upon the same level as the ordinary auditor and accountant. The very fact, however, that he has been given practically the status of judge shows that another rule must be applied. Here again there are limits set. A judge must be fair as well as able, and his strength lies in dispassionate statement. The real value of an Auditor-General must also lie in his integrity and independence, and he is to be something more than a mere calculating machine. It is to be hoped, for the honour of Parliament and for the credit of the State, that the present apparent desire among Ministers and their supporters to sacrifice Mr. Vernon will disappear, and that the general value of his work will receive the recognition it deserves.

BALLOT FOR THE CAPITAL SITE.

In carrying Mr. Irvine's motion for the taking of a ballot for the other sites besides Dalgety before the bill before the House of Representatives is further proceeded with, Parliament has placed its sense of fairness before its desire to gratify Mr. Deakin. We are glad that Mr. Bruce Smith was wise enough to withdraw his amendment for the general postponement of the question before it had resulted in an undue waste of time; all the more so as the stage now reached gives, at any rate, the possibility of a reasonable settlement. In bringing in the bill in the form it was made to take, Mr. Deakin had quite plainly disappointed the expectation that he would do something to help on the matter to a final solution; but the debate has shown that whatever else happens Dalgety will not be allowed to stand without vigorous protest, and apparently the House has realised, if Mr. Deakin has not, that it is useless to try to force this unwelcome choice in the face of so much opposition from all sides. It matters little to this result that the tone of the debate does not seem to have improved as it proceeded. The fact remains that whatever sources of discord still supply the debate with acrimony, no attempt to rush the choice of Dalgety would have a chance of success. The decision to take a ballot on all the sites is not only the best way out of the impasse that had been reached, but it offers the opportunity of raising the level of the discussion. It is a matter for regret that a question of so much moment has been made the stalking-horse for prejudice and personalities. If there is ever to be a time when the House will rise to a sense of its own dignity, surely it ought to be now. The choice of the capital site, [illegible] have passed away, deserves to be above everything in the shape of party interests, and if the House does itself the honour of taking the ballot seriously, the question may now be brought to a conclusion, in spite of all appearances of hopelessness.

But this, of course, is a condition we are unfortunately unable to assume without evidence. The ballot itself, in whatever way it is taken, leaves the road still open, of course, to that "trickery and intrigue" Mr. Fuller so vigorously denounced. The speech of Mr. W. H. Irvine, however, well summed up the possibility of better things. As he said, the choice of a site is in no way hampered by the existing expression of the opinion of a Parliament as to the suitability of Dalgety; and he raised the debate considerably in tone when he took the ground that the House should make itself quite clear as to what the original contract had been. As to that no one's opinion can carry greater weight than that of Sir George Turner. His recollection, we are glad to see, is perfectly clear that, apart from any legal technicalities, the plain intention was that if a suitable site could be found anywhere near the hundred-mile radius it should be chosen. This is the contention of New South Wales, and once it is admitted the road to a settlement should be a short one. Mr. Irvine made a good point when he ridiculed the idea that there was ever an intention to choose a remote and inaccessible position—before such a choice became a political expedient to delay progress. If the House can only proceed to the ballot determined on with a frank recognition of these plain facts, and if it has the determination to resist all the efforts of partisan advocacy of one site or another, and proceed to a choice on the unvarnished merits of the case, there can be no doubt that Dalgety will quickly disappear from the list, and a site more agreeable—and we may add more just—to Australia will take its place. It may be said that this is a slender hope, but even the slenderest hope is better than none at all.

BROKEN HILL PROSPECTS.

The pessimist would not find it difficult just now to find material for melancholy in the position of affairs at Broken Hill; but while we have to admit that the prospects are not cheerful they are not of such a character as need make us forget that Broken Hill is the greatest field of its kind in the world, and as such must have an assured future, whatever periodic difficulties it may have to encounter. The boom time of a year ago has passed for the present, but all experience goes to show that metal prices will rise again and afford full compensation for the period of depression. Such fluctuations are inseparable from mining enterprise, and every field in the world has its share of them. We must therefore not take the statistics, which show a rather startling reduction of labour on the Barrier mines, and the consequent falling off in the general population of the district, too seriously. The decline has apparently not been greater than has been anticipated. We have to remember that a great deal of mining labour is of a floating character, and when production and development is slack it is quick to move off in other directions. This accounts for fluctuations that in a community of any other sort would rightly be viewed with much apprehension. The actual number of men employed in the mines is just now the lowest on record for a number of years, and the contrast with the high-water mark of last year, when the numbers exceeded ten thousand, is, of course, sufficiently striking. But the difference does not represent a condition of unemployment that reaches an acute stage, though the pinch of bad times must be widely felt. This floating labour has, as a rule, formed no ties, and its point of application is changed without very great hardship. Apparently there has been a steady exodus of this class of labour.

The shrinkage, of course, affects the general prosperity of the district very materially, but this should not be looked at as capital for the pessimist so much as an argument for insurance in prosperous times. If when these come it is expected they will last for ever, the disillusion is bound to be bitter, and no palliative will meet the case. It is far better, as a matter of fact, that surplus labour should drift away, even at the cost of lowering the population returns of the district, rather than that these returns should be maintained at a fictitiously inflated value. Even if there should be still a downward tendency, it is best to let it take its course—the best in the long run for all concerned. However, there is no need to assume so dark a future. Small as the present margin is, the fact remains that the mines can still work at a profit sufficient to make it worth while to keep them going until prices improve, and this result is largely due to the energy and enterprise with which mining operations are carried on. This is a fact which labour ought to recognise, if the question of reduction of wages arises. Had it not been for the skill and knowledge and courage displayed, it would already have become impossible to carry on. But as it is, the great fall in prices cannot be said to imply disaster. We have recently quoted some very interesting figures as to the present profits and cost of production at the mines, and these show how wonderfully that cost has been reduced, partly by improved metallurgical processes, and partly by treatment of by-products. It is quite fair to include the value of these last as a set-off against cost of production, and when we do so we see that the situation is anything but hopeless. The figures we have quoted evidently tend to minimise the profits as much as possible; but even so they leave it clear that there is still a working margin.

VICTORIAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

Sir Thomas Bent's dramatic withdrawal of the Land Valuation Bill in the Victorian Legislative Assembly very possibly saved the Government from immediate defeat, but it has certainly not bettered the general party position. Apparently the Premier decided on this course without paying the members of his Cabinet the compliment of consulting them, nor did he even make any intimation what he proposed doing to his Attorney-General, who was in charge of the bill. It is, therefore, not surprising that abler and more high-spirited men of the Cabinet should resent this treatment, and that they should talk of resignation, even if one has not resigned already. Czarism is not generally relished by subordinates, even when the man who would play the Czar is a Czar indeed, and although possessed of great natural ability and force of character Sir Thomas Bent at best is only Sir Thomas Bent. During his occupancy of the Premiership, however, he has shown himself to be not unpossessed of some of the qualities of a leader, and he has also some useful work to his credit; but, nevertheless, of late the feeling seems to have been strengthening in Victoria, even among those in accord with his political programme, that the hilarious [illegible] something of the character of music-hall performances, is not exactly the kind of man who can do most credit to the State as leader of its Government. While far too astute and able a politician to be easily disposed of, there seems little doubt that Sir Thomas Bent must give place to another man before the present awkward party position in Victoria will be relieved. Certain it is that if men like Mr. Mackinnon, Sir Alexander Peacock, and Mr. Swinburne break away, he must come to the ground. As matters stand now, of the Ministerial party of 47, rather more than half made the Land Valuation Bill the pretext for rebellion. Were Sir Thomas Bent out of the way, those members would have an opportunity of showing to what extent their opposition was really directed against the bill, and how far it was aimed against the Premier himself as the party leader. However that might be, it is tolerably clear that the section of the Ministerial party which supported the Government in the land policy, of which the Valuation Bill was but a part, will not acquiesce in the complete surrender of that policy.

In that event there will be again three parties in the Assembly, and office can be possible only to the Labour party, with the support of the progressive section of the Ministerialists, or to that section with the support of the Labour party. That may not be the outcome which the "country party" has been working for; but it looks as though it will be the outcome all the same. And to the extent that it is so, it will be a retrogressive step, bringing the Victorian Parliament back to the ineffective three-party condition from which the Parliaments of the other States have emerged, and in which the Federal Parliament still remains bogged. Over and above any considerations of political readjustment, however, there is the position of Victoria; and her position in regard to her lands and her rural population is such as to excite concern in all thoughtful minds. Since federation, Victoria has shown considerable progress in her manufacturing industries, which are a matter of cities and towns. But in regard to her primary industries, she has been less progressive relatively than any of the other States, with the possible exception of little Tasmania. Instead of more people going on to her lands there are fewer. The young men whom she should be keeping to herself have been escaping to the other States. Investigation would probably show that the average area of land holdings, instead of getting gradually smaller, has during the past five years or more been getting gradually larger, the inevitable consequence of the men who remained behind having acquired the holdings of the men who went away. Some remedy for this state of things must obviously be found, or Victoria will soon be outgrown by her neighbours. It might surprise the conservatives who defeated the Land Valuation Bill if they should prove to be the means of putting the Labour party in the position of having to find the remedy and apply it.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

In Parliament.—The budget debate in the Legislative Assembly last evening largely resolved itself into a debate on the Auditor-General's report. Mr. James led off by arguing that in much of his criticism the Auditor-General had gone right outside the powers conferred upon him by the Audit Act. Mr. Perry defended his administration of the Mines Department with respect to royalties paid by the Bulli and Mount Kembla companies, and Mr. Waddell made a long statement in defending his Treasury administration. Incidentally he expressed regret for having on the previous evening applied the term "deliberate falsehood" to one of the statements contained in the report. The Ministerial explanations appeared to satisfy the House, and but little was said in support of the strictures which had given rise to the debate. The House agreed that for the remainder of the session Government business should take precedence of private business on Tuesday nights, and at 20 minutes to midnight the House adjourned till Tuesday afternoon.

Condemned Railway Sleepers.—Mr. Gilbert, the member for Newcastle, keeps a watchful eye upon the condemnation in South Africa of railway sleepers from New South Wales. He pressed the Minister for Lands to have inquiry made, and was apparently content when it was announced that Mr. L. A. B. Wade, Engineer for Rivers and Water Supply, had been deputed to ascertain the facts. He returned to the subject in the Legislative Assembly last evening by asking whether, in view of the fact that the Forestry Department was practically on its trial, it would not be well to appoint a competent officer of that department to act with Mr. Wade. The Minister for Lands replied that he saw no reason for sending a second officer to South Africa. The Government was satisfied and he believed the House was satisfied that Mr. Wade was quite competent to investigate the matter thoroughly. "But," interposed Mr. Gilbert, "the Forestry Department is not represented." The Minister replied that there was no need to have the department represented, and that forestry officers were disqualified by the very fact of their being so deeply concerned.

Biological Students' Opportunity.—Time and place for the carrying out of biological investigations are not always at the command of students, particularly a place where apparatus can be well housed, and microscopical work carried on in a good light close to a supply of live creatures. These conditions will be fulfilled for those University students who are engaged in the study of marine life in the near future, for the Fisheries Board has decided to grant the use of the marine fish hatchery at Gunnamatta Bay, Port Hacking, for the purpose. Few places could be better situated, and as the students will have special hours assigned them, many new natural phenomena may be observed. Well-equipped as the biological laboratory of the University is, it does not give ideal conditions for original work in the necessary degree o fprivacy, but the Gunnamatta Bay gree of privacy, but the Gunnamatta Bay conditions for intricate and delicate work in a locality conducive to thoroughness. If something goes wrong with one live subject under the lens it will be easy to replace it with another, either from the spawners' pond or the adjacent bay.

University Extension Lectures and the Railways.—At the last meeting of the council of the Railway Institute the president intimated he had had a conversation with Mr. Taylor in regard to a course of University Extension Lectures on subjects of practical value to railway men. He had consulted Professor Warren, Mr. Gibson, and other gentlemen of the University, and the result was that a course of lectures could be arranged to be delivered partly in the institute and at the University. In the latter case it would be for the purpose of experiment and illustration, as the necessary apparatus was available. The cost would be £3 per lecture, plus whatever working expenses were incurred. The subjects he had thought would be suitable were: —"Timbers, their use and treatment," "Fuels and Boilers," "Water: its treatment for use in locomotives," "Materials used in engineering construction, strength, properties, treatment, etc." Other subjects might be suggested, such as improvements in electricity, physics, chemistry, etc., of a character which would appeal to the practical men of the department. On Mr. McGowan's motion, seconded by Mr. T. Hall, it was finally decided that a special sub-committee, to [illegible] ruthers, Mars, and the mover, be appointed to go fully into the whole question, and report to next meeting.

Looking Ahead.—They look some way ahead in the United States. The railway companies supply trains free for farmers to go in big bodies, and see how the State farms plough and manure and plant their lands. The railways are spending money on those trains. But they look for a return hundredfold when the farmer goes back and works his land wisely instead of ignorantly. Also, the State fits out two cars—one a sort of museum, full of roots and seeds; the other a lecture-room and bedroom for two lecturers. The railway companies pack those cars on to expresses and freights from siding to siding, and to each siding come the farmers to be lectured and to get the roots and plants given free. The Congress in America years ago set aside 10,000,000 acres to provide funds for starting State farms in every State. Since then it gives £6000 a year to each as well. The States give more. And rich men more yet. The principal of the Hawkesbury College sighed on Wednesday night when he spoke of what Cornell did for America, Massey for Canada, Sir J. Bennet Lawes, who gave £100,000, a country seat, and his life's work to English farmers. When Italy wanted school gardens 2000 blocks were immediately given by private landowners. Apparently Hungary founded a Chair of Agriculture in 1680. Scotland did so in 1790. France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, all teach their children to farm in the school gardens.

Artistic Effort at Vaucluse.—Hoardings, posters, painted fence rails and rocks are decidedly unpopular just now with the authorities at Vaucluse. The configuration of this historic suburb lends itself admirably to the requirements especially of rock artists, so that every natural monolith or suitable rock that took the painter's eye was made to proclaim in aggressive letters the virtues of somebody's pills, or the everlasting qualities of someone else's boots. The aldermen of Vaucluse are sensitive as to the beauties of their picturesque municipality, and have seized with avidity upon the powers conferred by the new legislation towards stamping out this practice. As a consequence the person who paints fence rails and rocks various colours or steals out after sunset with a bucket of paste and a bundle of posters might easily find trouble. The council has already taken action, and has caused advertisements to be painted out. It has not transpired, however, whether the operation is to be carried out with pigments selected with due regard to harmonising with the surrounding landscape.

"Justifiable Immigration."—Writing to Mr. Easton, hon. secretary of the Immigration League of Australia, a well-informed and influential Australian resident in London says: —"I am glad to see that New South Wales is making a bona-fide endeavour to make land and work available on a considerable scale, thus making the advocacy of emigration justifiable. The Canadian boom, which was a fraud, has burst, and Australia can attract any number of desirable citizens if she breaks up the land monopoly system. I am following as closely as possible the policy of Japan, which seems to be directed towards a coup d'etat in China, similar to that achieved in Korea, and sooner or later there must be trouble. So the peopling of Australia has a greater importance than ever, and no private interests should be allowed to stand in the way of opening up the land." A prominent English member of Parliament in a letter to Mr. Easton states:—"The Franco-British Exhibition will undoubtedly prove a great advertisement for the Commonwealth, but as regards emigration the only chance of obtaining large numbers of the type of people you require is in your being able to announce that Australia, taking into consideration its climatic advantages and richness of its soil, has good agricultural land available for settlement under as liberal terms as can be found in any other country. Having committed yourselves to a protective tariff, which must increase the cost of living, and with heavy expenditure to face in connection with naval and military matters, you certainly will require more people to share and lighten these burdens."

One of Tennyson's Knights.—A unique ceremony was performed in J ward of the Sydney Hospital yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Campbell, before a representative gathering, when the Sir Galahad series of vitreous fresco tile pictures presented by the congregation of St. James' Church were unveiled. Sir Galahad is prominent in the Arthurian legends as the only Knight of the Round Table who because of his purity was permitted to see the Holy Grail, and these three pictures show Sir Galahad in his quest of the Grail. They have been let into the top of the ward's southern wall, and gave a pretty effect. The Rev. W. I. Carr Smith chose the series last year in England at Doulton's. The firm was unwilling at first to part with the pictures. They were made for the last Paris Exhibition, and constituted a valuable asset for show purposes. But at last it consented, and now they stand as an emblem of the generosity and goodwill of St. James' congregation. Sir Matthew Harris was present on behalf of the hospital committee, and Mr. C. H. Helsham (secretary) directed the arrangements.

Waiting for the Punt.—Quite a number of arguments were advanced by a deputation to the Minister for Works yesterday in favour of the construction of a bridge over St. George's River to take the place of the present punt system, but no speaker achieved a greater effect than one grey-haired member of the Miranda Progress Association. He stated that during his residence on the other side of the river he had spent £80 in fares at the punt, and everytime he got there he had had a long wait before he got aboard. "I was only totalling it out the other night, sir," he concluded with unconscious pathos, "and I find that I have spent six months of my life waiting for that punt!"

The Western Plains.—City people would witness a wonderful display of wattle could they make a trip out back at the present time. In many parts of the far west the wattle is blossoming in magnificent profusion, and each tree is a mass of golden flowers. Along the line, between Dubbo and Gilgandra, the train runs through a belt of wattle, the beauty of which is very much admired. It is stated that the season has been particularly favourable for bush flowers.

Chair of Agriculture.—A question was asked in the Legislative Assembly last evening as to whether it was the intention of the Premier to introduce a bill for the foundation of a chair of agriculture at the Sydney University. Mr. Wade replied that it was intended to increase the University endowment, and out of that increased grant the University authorities would be enabled to provide for a chair of agriculture.

Cheap combined rail and river tickets to the Hawkesbury River will be issued to-morrow, Saturday, by train leaving Sydney at 9.5 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m. To-morrow, Saturday, the combined rail and river excursions to the Nepean River (Penrith) will be resumed, and cheap tickets to cover journey by train, coach, and steamer will be issued by trains leaving Sydney at 8.28 a.m. and 1.25 p.m.

The steamer Hunter will, weather permitting, leave the Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company's wharf, foot of King-street, to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for the Hawkesbury River, the trip being made to Cowan Bay.

An Oriental market, cafe chantant, and missionary exhibition was opened by Mrs. Benjamin Short on Wednesday afternoon at the Ocean-street Congregational Church, Woollahra, with the object of raising funds to complete various schemes for church improvement and extension.

A new ferry service has been inaugurated on the upper reaches of Lane Cove covering seven miles through the Field of Mars. The boats start from Fig Tree, connecting with the ordinary Lane Cove ferry, and go as far as Killara.

"Veritas" writes:—"We read often of the 'victimised' tram conductors and their great grievances, but what of the inoffending public, who were put to so much serious inconvenience and expense?"

TO-DAY.

Newbury Concert: Town Hall, 8.
Bazaar: School of Arts, North Sydney, 3.
Surf Club Meeting: Victoria Hall, Manly, 8.
Her Majesty's: "The Merry Widow," 7.45.
Theatre Royal: "Peter Pan," 2.
Criterion Theatre: "The Belle of Mayfair," 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 7.30.
Palace Theatre: "Charley's Aunt," 8.
Lyceum Theatre: Spencer's Theatrescope, 8.
Clay's Vaudeville: Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8.
Haymarket Hippodrome: 8.
Zoological Gardens: 10.
Victoria Hall: American Picturescope, 8.
Queen's Hall: Burns-Squires Picture, 8.
Bijou Theatre: Moving Picture Palace, 8.
Oxford Hall: Vaudeville, 8.
Sydney Skating Rink: Prince Alfred Park, ... [illegible]

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

His Excellency the Governor-General will hold a levee at Government House to-day at 4 p.m. Gentlemen who have received cards of private entree are requested to arrive at the main door at 3.45 o'clock, and assemble in the drawing-room. Public bodies and other gentlemen attending the levee are requested to arrive at the main door at 4 o'clock, and to assemble in the verandah. Gentlemen attending the levee are requested to wear uniform, official dress, evening or morning costume, and to provide themselves with a card with their name legibly written thereon, to be given to the chamberlain, who will announce the name to his Excellency.

The Governor-General, Lord Dudley, arrived in Sydney by yesterday's Melbourne express. His Excellency was accompanied by Lord Richard Nevill (chamberlain), Mr. Walter Callan (private secretary), and Captain the Hon. Hore-Ruthven (military secretary). Brigadier-General Gordon, the Lord Mayor, and Mr. Nesbitt (town clerk) were on the platform to meet Lord Dudley. His Excellency intends to remain in Sydney for about nine days, and will then proceed via Melbourne to Fremantle to meet the Countess of Dudley, who is a passenger by the R.M.S. Ortona.

The performance of "The Belle of Mayfair" at the Criterion Theatre to-night will be attended by his Excellency the Governor-General, the Earl of Dudley, and suite.

Miss Rawson, attended by Captain Wilson, A.D.C., opened a fete yesterday afternoon at the Town Hall, Parramatta, in connection with St. John's Church.

The following is an extract from a letter from Sir Arthur Bigge, the private secretary of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, dated Marlborough House, Pall Mall, August 25, written to Mr. Walter V. H. Biddell, president of the Bronte Surf Bathing Association:—"I must thank you for your letter of July 20, enclosing copy of the 'Sydney Mail' of June 17, with illustrations and review of life-saving instructions carried out by the Bronte Surf-bathing Association, which have been laid before the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness, as president of the Royal Life-saving Society, is very much gratified to see what is being done in New South Wales in training boys and girls in this most useful and humanitarian work."

Mr. Dudley Clinton, a member of Williamson's Dramatic Company, appearing at Perth, died yesterday from pneumonia and pleurisy. The late Mr. Dudley Clinton first came to this country nearly four years ago, under engagement to Mr. George Musgrove, and supported Miss Nellie Stewart as Percival in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury," in which he proved himself a clever character actor. Before leaving Australia he made a hit in a much more important role as Edward Ramsay, the stout, elderly, well-dressed wastrel in "In the Bishop's Carriage." He left Australia at the end of 1905, and supported Miss Stewart throughout her American tour from San Francisco to Chicago. Remaining two years in harness in New York, he returned here under engagement to Mr. J. C. Williamson, and opened in the important part of Colonel Sapt at the Sydney Theatre Royal in the recent revival of "The Prisoner of Zenda," with Mr. Julius Knight and Miss Ola Humphrey in the leading characters. He was approximately 50 years of age.

Mr. Swinburne, Minister for Water Supply in the Victorian Ministry, left Melbourne by yesterday's express for Sydney. It is understood that his visit is of a private character.

Mr. J. J. Ashton, of Liverpool, has arrived at New Zealand to take up the position of surveyor for Lloyd's throughout the Dominion.

Mr. H. Husband, one of the oldest residents of Katoomba, who died suddenly at his residence, Maitland Vale, on Saturday, aged 67, assisted to start St. Hilda's Church 22 years ago, and held the position of people's warden to the time of his death. He was a synod representative for many years, and also delegate to the rural deanery. He superintended the Sunday school for some 15 years, and was trustee of the Anglican Cemetery. Mr. Husband leaves a widow, seven children, and seventeen grandchildren.

Mr. J. E. Stokes, representative of Briscoe and Co., in the southern district, for 25 years, has been appointed manager of the firm's Sydney business in succession to Mr. Black, lately appointed managing director. Mr. Stokes is a member of the Marrickville Golf Club.

Mr. Thomas Ingram, who died at Malvern, Victoria, on Wednesday, came to Victoria from England with his parents in 1851. In the service of the Bank of Australasia he was well known and respected in the western district of Victoria, Christchurch, New Zealand, and Sydney, where he was at different periods manager of the bank's branches. He retired from the bank in 1887, and for some years was attorney for Messrs. R. G. Dun and Co., New York. For the past eight years he had been practically an invalid, and his death was not unexpected.

The death took place yesterday of Mrs. Mary Brennan, the wife of Mr. James Brennan, at the age of 40. The National Amphitheatre was closed last evening, and will also be closed to-day, our Melbourne correspondent telegraphing that the same course was taken in respect to the Gaiety Theatre, Melbourne.

UNDER FEDERATION.

THE STATE'S GROWTH.

LARGE INCREASE IN REVENUE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A return showing how New South Wales has benefited under federation has been prepared by the Federal Treasury at the instance of Mr. Dugald Thomson, M.P. In the year prior to federation the total expenditure in the State named in connection with Customs, defence, post-office, statistics, patents, trade marks, copyrights, meteorological, and other services since transferred to the Commonwealth was £1,038,497. The revenue derived during the same year from such services amounted to £2,541,449, leaving an excess of revenue over expenditure of £1,502,952. During the financial year 1906-7 the Commonwealth, after paying all expenses, returned to New South Wales £3,022,351, or £1,519,399 more than she was receiving when the services were under her control. Other states have not fared so well. Victoria received during 1906-7 about £24,600 less, Queensland £438,000 less, South Australia £2000 less, Western Australia £75,000 less, and Tasmania £207,000 less.

HARBOUR COLLISION.

CUSTOMS LAUNCH BADLY DAMAGED.

THE CAPTAIN THROWN OVERBOARD.

A collision occurred off Point Macquarie shortly after 7 o'clock last evening between a small launch belonging to the Customs Department and the vehicular ferry steamer Barangaroo, the property of the Sydney Ferries, Limited. The launch had been on a visit to the steamer Upolu, which cast anchor in Neutral Bay on arrival from an island cruise, and a call was made at Point Macquarie to land the Customs officers. On resuming the journey for the boat shed at Dawes Point the launch came into contact with the Barangaroo, which was inward bound from Milson's Point for Point Macquarie.

The impact was so severe that Captain MacFerguson, the master of the launch, was thrown overboard, but he was rescued by an oil launch belonging to Mr. Ives, which happened to be in the vicinity at the time. The Customs launch was struck on the starboard bow, and was badly crippled. Water at once commenced to make its way into the vessel, which was headed at full speed for the boat shed at Dawes Point.

On the way across Sydney Cove all hands were employed in baling, and when the launch eventually reached her destination she was half full of water. Seven or eight men were kept constantly baling out while the work of temporarily repairing the craft was in hand. The Barangaroo escaped injury, and maintained her time-table on the horse ferry.

The official report of the occurrence states that those in charge of the Customs launch made an attempt to steam between Point Macquarie and the stern of the oncoming punt. [illegible]

THE COMMONWEALTH.

POSTAL SORTERS' PAY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

It was intimated by the Government, in answer to a question in Parliament, that the pay of sorters in the Postal Department receiving under the minimum of £144 per annum has been brought up to that rate from July 1 last.

BURNT TELEPHONES.

The Postal Department calls upon telephone subscribers to pay for telephone instruments when destroyed by fire. The Postmaster-General was asked to-day in the House of Representatives if he would order a refund in the case of a subscriber at Grafton, who had sustained heavy loss. Mr. Mauger replied that the telephones are given out conditionally, and no refunds can be made.

NEW ZEALAND CUSTOMS PREFERENCE.

Under the tariff of New Zealand, goods imported into Australia and afterwards exported to New Zealand by Australian merchants, are liable to higher duties than similar goods imported into New Zealand by local resident merchants. An Australian merchant importing into New Zealand through a local agent is liable to the same higher duties. The Federal Government has in view certain action in the matter, and correspondence is now passing between the two Governments.

DEFENCE BILL.

HOW IT WAS PREPARED.

In answer to questions in Parliament to-day, the Minister for Defence made a statement as to the course adopted by the Government in preparing the new Defence Bill. The order of events was, he said, that when the Government determined upon and announced its policy of universal training, all members of the forces were asked to express their opinions. These were duly tabulated and considered. Lieut.-Colonel Legge was chosen to prepare the bill, under Ministerial direction. When it was drafted it was referred to the chief military administrative officers. After their recommendations were drawn up the bill was again reviewed; copies were sent to each member of the Military Board, and their suggestions invited. "The Military Board," added Mr. Ewing, "is not intended to suggest a defence policy. It is for administrative purposes, and does not deal with matters of principle."

MILITARY SADDLES.

AUSTRALIAN LEATHER UNSATISFACTORY.

Nearly all the district commandants have agreed that the leather used in the manufacture of saddles for military purposes in Australia is unsuitable. In the Senate to-day the representative of the Government was asked what steps the Government was going to take in regard to the matter in future. Senator Best replied that the saddles complained of were the first of the kind made in Australia, and any defects in quality appeared to be due to the fact that the contractor did not appreciate the necessity of maintaining a high standard. Perhaps, he continued, it was quite possible that leather pronounced by experts to be good enough for ordinary purposes would not stand the severe test required by military usage. In future it was intended to carry out a rigid inspection, and enforce the regulations with regard to the quality of leather.

CONSTRUCTION OF TORPEDO BOATS.

REPORT FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

It was announced in the Senate to-day that the report of the officers sent to Great Britain to inquire into the construction of torpedo boats had been received. The information contained therein, however, was of a confidential nature, and it could not be circulated among members of the House. At some future date, however, the Government intended to publish extracts from the report.

COMMONWEALTH CONTRACTS.

OBSERVANCE OF LABOUR CONDITIONS.

In the Senate to-day, Senator Pearce moved that for the better carrying out of the wages and labour conditions of the Commonwealth contracts it was essential that inspectors should be appointed to supervise their observance. He explained that in Commonwealth works, whether in building or supplying material, there was a provision in the specifications that the contractor must observe the wages and labour conditions of the State in which the work was carried out. While this was laid down there was no machinery provided by which due recognition of it could be obtained. On the motion of Senator Keating, the debate was adjourned.

NATURALISATION.

During the last month 123 men and 21 women were naturalised under the Commonwealth Naturalisation Act. Of these 91 were married and 53 single. They included 59 Germans and Swedes, 21 Italians, 10 Danes, 12 Russians, and 9 Norwegians. From Victoria there were 44 applications, New South Wales 41, Queensland 40, Western Australia 12, and South Australia 7. The total naturalised from January 1 last to September 30 was 885.

VICTORIAN CRISIS.

RUMOURED RESIGNATIONS.

COUNTRY PARTY NOW SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The chief topic of conversation at Parliament House to-day in connection with the State crisis was the position of Mr. Mackinnon, who left the Chamber yesterday after the Premier had taken the Land Valuation Bill out of his hands, and moved the motion for its withdrawal from the business paper.

Mr. Mackinnon attended Parliament House to-day, but did not take his seat on the Treasury benches. It was freely rumoured to-day that Mr. Mackinnon had resigned. When seen Mr. Mackinnon declined to discuss the situation. The Premier also refused to state whether he had received Mr. Mackinnon's resignation or not.

Last week and until yesterday the country party was against the Government, but with the withdrawal of the Land Valuation Bill they find themselves in complete accord with the Ministry. Government supporters who were in favour of the measure are inclined, if the new bill is not introduced, to form a party that would be led by either Mr. Mackinnon or Sir Alexander Peacock. This party would consist of about a dozen members.

A rumour was circulated to-day that Mr. Swinburne intended resigning from the Government, because he found himself at variance with the attitude of the Premier in regard to the Land Valuation Bill and the method of its withdrawal. Mr. Swinburne, however, contradicted the report.

Another rumour was to the effect that Sir Alexander Peacock would resign, but when interviewed to-night Sir Alexander Peacock said he would not do anything until after the Cabinet meeting on Monday. Sir Alexander Peacock is still in a private hospital, where he recently underwent a serious operation, but is making fine progress.

CHARITY SATURDAY.

The United Charities Fund's success in organising their collection in one month is due firstly to the sympathy and support of the Hospital Saturday executive, which put every facility in its way, and secondly to the fact that it has amongst its officers men trained in organisation. Yesterday at the offices of the fund one of the secretaries and the organiser, together with a voluntary staff of about a dozen, were kept hard at it answering questions and giving directions.

So far the success of the fund has been its main difficulty. It was intended for the first year to confine the efforts of the collectors to the city, but so many offers of assistance came to hand from the suburbs that they could not be refused. The original order for boxes had to be practically duplicated within the last week of the preparatory work, as so many collectors were enrolled. But by yesterday morning the staff had every box labelled (each box bears three labels), and ready to hand out to the collectors as they called. There were also badges, permits, refreshment orders, stands, calico covers, lists of instructions, and other documents. Somehow or other everyone found questions to ask about something, and the ingenuity with which some of the ladies managed to tie up even the trained staff with their queries was amusing. But the collecting is only a part, though the most important part; there is also the providing of refreshments for 3500 workers. This, however, thanks to the generosity of the caterers of Sydney and the suburbs, has also been arranged. Every mail brings offers of help, and aided by the generosity of private friends, and allowing for those who always prefer to go home for meals, the executive are confident that they will not be found lacking.

All that is now needed is the practical sympathy of the public, and no one who knows Sydney's generosity ... [illegible]

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THE TROUBLED BALKANS.

BULGARIA'S INTENTIONS.

RUMOURS OF INDEPENDENCE.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN DESIGNS.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

Bulgaria last night decided not to modify her standpoint in regard to that section of the Orient railway which she has seized. She also insists upon the recognition of the diplomatic character of her representative at Constantinople.

The Constantinople correspondent of the "Times" mentions that there is a growing uneasiness among educated Turks at the possibility of Bulgaria shortly declaring her independence. He emphasises firstly that this belief is based upon a telegram from Sofia that the Bulgarian military manoeuvres, which were supposed to have been postponed till 1909, will be held after all in the near future in Eastern Roumelia, and will involve the mobilisation of many reservists; secondly, on the apprehension that the magnificent receptions accorded to Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria during the past few days at Budapesth, Hungary, are not unconnected with rumours of Austrian desgins of the annexation or permanent occupation of Bosnia.

Nevertheless, the correspondent adds that Kiamil Pasha, the Grand Vizier, is confident of a peaceful settlement of all questions.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Times" states that alarm has been received by telegrams from Vienna foreshadowing the permanent retention of the occupied provinces of Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Novibazar; but Russian statesmen, believing that the other Powers interested will let sleeping dogs lie, are still hopeful that Austria will be prevented from setting the Balkans ablaze.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, two provinces of Turkey, are, in terms of the Treaty of Berlin, administered by and in the military occupation of Austria-Hungary. The province of Novibazar, though in the military occupation of Austria-Hungary, is civilly administered by Turkey.

PROTEST FROM FRANCE.

M. Pichon, French Minister for Foreign Affairs, has protested against the occupation of a section of the Orient railway by Bulgaria.

AN INDISCREET DIPLOMAT.

BULGARIAN AGENT RECALLED.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

The Bulgarian Government has recalled M. Mintchavitch, its London Diplomatic Agent, for indiscreetly declaring that he personally considered that Bulgaria was ripe for independence.

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

ROOSEVELT-BRYAN DUEL.

ENFORCING TRUST LAWS.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States, in another letter regarding trusts, declares that if elected he will enforce the anti-trust laws persistently and consistently, not spasmodically and intermittently, like President Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt declines to reply to the last letter from Mr. W. J. Bryan on the ground that the controversy is now descending to personalities.

A DEFIER OF THE TRUSTS.

THE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE.

Mr. Thomas L. Hisgen, whom Mr. W. R. Hearst has induced the independent party to select as its candidate for the Presidency, is one of four brothers, manufacturers of axle grease, whom the Standard Oil Company vainly tried to crush because they refused to sell their business to the company for £120,000.

Mr. Thomas Higsen, of Massachusetts, is the owner, with his brothers, of the largest factory in New England for the manufacture of axle grease. He owes much of his prominence to his resistance to the efforts of the Standard Oil Company to drive him out of business, and he is very popular as an orator, loving to denounce the iniquities of the gigantic trusts. Mr. Hearst's newspapers have been booming him for the last seven months.

YOUTHFUL BRIGANDS.

CAPTURE RUSSIAN MAIL.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

A gang of 30 youths, by means of threats to use revolvers and bombs, captured the Warsaw to St. Petersburg mail train at Bezzany.

The youths overpowered the passengers, officials, guard, and six soldiers. They then robbed the mail of between £15,000 and £25,000.

WRIGHT AEROPLANES.

FIFTY FOR FRANCE.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

M. Weiller, who has purchased the French patent rights of the Wright aeroplane, has ordered a French firm to construct 50 of the machines.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S LETTERS.

A POPULAR EDITION.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

It is announced that the King, aware of the great interest taken by the nation in the letters of Queen Victoria, has commanded that a new and popular edition shall be issued, to bring the book within the reach of all his Majesty's subjects. Mr. John Murray will publish this edition in conjunction with the "Times."

WORLD'S RECORD BY POSTLE.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

A. B. Postle, of Western Australia, ran 80 yards at Bolton in 7¾secs., constituting a world's record for the distance.

In July 1886, in America, Wendell Baker, an amateur, ran 80yds in 8s against time.

BRITISH REVENUE.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

The revenue of the United Kingdom for the quarter ended September 30 amounted to £29,300,007. To this amount Customs contributed £6,815,000, excise £8,240,000, and stamps £1,830,000.

VICTORIAN BREAD ON VIEW.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

Victoria is showing at the Franco-British Exhibition, at Shepherd's Bush, bread made entirely of Victorian flour. Experts consider the bread excellent.

CONTESTS WITH LABOUR.

THE COTTON DISPUTE.

DECREASE OF RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

Since the majority of the cotton mills of Lancashire have closed there has been a decrease of consumption of engine coal amounting to 750,000 tons a week.

The railway traffic has greatly decreased, and many trains have therefore been suspended.

EFFECT OF RAILWAY COMBINES.

REDUCTION OF WAGES AND HANDS.

The "Daily Express" states that the formation of railway combines will enable the companies to enforce an all-round reduction of wages, a gradual reduction of staffs, and the abolition of all special privileges to employees.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE.

THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.

FAVOURABLY NOTICED BY PRESS.

DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

The "Evening Standard" states that the Australian Defence Bill shows the road Great Britain ought to take in order to secure true national security.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" says that Great Britain ought to listen timeously to the voice of common prudence, since her danger is infinitely nearer than Australia's.

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The "Daily Telegraph" and the "Globe" describe Mr. Ewing's bill as a stimulating lead to the motherland. The "Daily Telegraph" states that it is not sure whether the direct advantages are comparable with the indirect benefits which the adoption of the bill will confer on every class in every unit of the Empire, reminding them of their duties equally with their rights.

FLOODS IN INDIA.

A CALAMITY FEARED.

TEN THOUSAND DEATHS REPORTED.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

In regard to the disastrous floods in Haidarabad, India, it is stated that although the Government warned dwellers on the banks of the Mussi River to escape a thousand were drowned—chiefly women and children.

Elephants are being employed to drag the bodies from the sticky mud, in order to avert a pestilence.

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The floods in Haidarabad are worse than at first reported. One estimate mentions the death roll at 10,000.

THE LICENSING BILL.

ANTICIPATING DEFEAT.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

The statement of Mr. Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, which he made at Cricceth, Carnarvonshire, that if the House of Lords rejected the Licensing Bill, the Government would not be at the end of its resources, is interpreted to mean that the Government will largely increase the duty on licenses.

THE BUSH BROTHERHOOD.

APPEAL FOR HELP.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

Bishop Montgomery, in a letter to the "Times" on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, appeals for special funds to help the bush brotherhood scheme of the Bishop of North Queensland (Dr. Gilbert White).

SUCCESSFUL NEW ZEALAND STUDENT.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

Mr. J. F. G. Richards, of Wellington (N.Z.), has been awarded Guy's Hospital Junior Science Scholarship, the value of which is £150.

THE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

RETAINED BY LASKER.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

The contest for the chess championship between Lasker and Tarrasch has resulted in Lasker retaining the title, scoring 8 games to 3 by Tarrasch.

For many years a meeting between Lasker and Tarrasch has been inevitable. It was felt that the chess firmament could not permanently hold two suns. Both these masters have long been recognised as amongst the greatest exponents of the game the world has ever seen. Both have been phenomenally successful in great contests where the cream of chess talent has foregathered. Lasker excelled in the duel, but both have been preeminent in the melee; the tourney where stamina as well as skill is required, where a nice judgment has to be exercised when to risk everything on a possible win, or to squeeze through with a draw. Often the concluding rounds of a tourney are no real criterion of a player's strength. He may have drifted into a position where his score-sheet demanded wins, and he has been forced to sacrifice easily drawn positions which would have put him out of the running for first place, or a place at all, for the hope of a possible win which would represent tourney honours. Happy the position of the opponent whose score enabled him to sit back, hold tight, and play for a draw. While tourneys, again, are never won by drawing games, since the percentage to win is hardly ever less than 75, and frequently higher, victory in duels is for the man who does not lose. Quite different considerations apply. And it is Lasker's peculiar glory that he is pre-eminent in both departments of the game.

The match just concluded was for the best of 15 games, draws not to count. Lasker immediately established a lead, 2-1, which he subsequently increased till the score was 4-1; Tarrasch then livened up, till at the end of the 12th game the score was Lasker 6, Tarrasch 3, and 3 drawn. Of seven games each had won two, and three had been drawn. It is doubtful if any other player could have extended Lasker so.

Lasker's performances are wonderful. In 16 matches he won 75 games, drew 35, and lost 12—or he won rather more than three out of every four played. He won the championship of the world from Steinitz, defeated him when challenged, and defeated Marshall very easily quite recently. In tourneys, first at Berlin, 1890 (tie); at London, 1892; at St. Petersburg (quadrangular), 1896; Nuremburg, 1896; London, 1899; Paris, 1900; second, Amsterdam, 1889; Cambridge Springs (tie), 1904; third, Hastings, 1895.

Tarrasch in matches drew with Tchigorin, 1893, with a score of 9-9 and four drawn, and beat Marshall, 1905, 8-1 and eight drawn. His tourney performances are phenomenal. First, 1889, Breslau; 1890, Manchester; 1892, Dresden; 1894, Leipsic; 1898, Vienna; 1903, Monte Carlo; 1907, Ostend; second, 1885, Hamburg (tie); 1905, Ostend (tie); third, 1906, Nuremburg (tie).

Both players are of the safe order. This is not to be taken to be the same as timid, far from it. When the occasion demands it, or the opening presents itself, they have the dash of Ney. But they steadily keep in view the somewhat cynical maxim, "Providence is on the side of the big battalions." They realise, none better, that material can often be advantageously exchanged for position, and it hardly ever does a chess player any harm to be a couple of pieces up! The games of the match, when they come to hand, will be a rich feast for chess players.

IRELAND'S HOPES.

WANT OF SELF-CONFIDENCE.

SUGGESTION OF EXAGGERATION.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

Mr. J. Dillon, M.P. (Nationalist), declared in the course of a speech recently that it was his belief that the Irish cause if killed in America would soon die in Ireland.

The "New York Sun," commenting upon this statement, says that if Mr. Dillon is right it must be mortifying to Irish enthusiasts to recognise that in all their endeavours they must still be dependent on outsiders, and perhaps it is excusable if some of the outsiders are apt to conclude that the misery of the Irish people is somewhat exaggerated, or that confidence in their political representatives is in no wise universal among them.

COLLISION IN THE CHANNEL.

A MARVELLOUS ESCAPE.

FROM FOUNDERING STEAMER.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

Further details regarding the collision between the tourist steam yacht Argonaut and the collier Kingswell, during a fog in the Channel, show that the Argonaut's passengers, including 50 ladies, were having breakfast when the collision occurred.

They were instantly tranferred to the boats, as the Argonaut foundered within 20 minutes.

The passengers were taken aboard the Kingswell, but retook to the boats as the Kingswell had to be beached, owing to the injuries received.

Another vessel rescued the passengers, conveying them to Dover.

OPIUM CURES.

CHINA PROHIBITS MORPHIA.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

It is officially stated at Peking that all the Powers have now assented to the prohibition of the importation into China of morphia, except for medicinal purposes.

The prohibition will be enforced from January 1.

Since the edict has gone forth in China entailing on all public officers abstinence from the smoking of opium large numbers of so-called "cures" have been offered to the unfortunate devotees of the drug. Most of these "cures" contain morphia in large quantities, and the remedy is thus as bad as the disease. It is to stop the importation of these "cures" that the prohibition of the importation of morphia has been made.

SMYRNA STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

A Turkish steamer yesterday came into collision with the ferry steamer Stamboul outside Smyrna, Asia Minor, and sank her. One hundred and forty people were drowned.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING COMPANY.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

The New Zealand Shipping Company, in its report, recommends the payment of a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent., and has carried forward £15,508.

THE DAVIS CUP.

AMERICAN COMPETITORS.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

Messrs. Wright and Alexander, the American competitors for the Davis Cup, start for Melbourne early in October.

America is relying upon one of the "singles" representatives in Beals Wright and one of the championship doubles in Alexander. In the preliminary Larned and Beals Wright in the singles and Hackett and Alexander in the doubles represented America. The challenge round will be played at Melbourne on November 26, 27, and 28. The Australian team will be chosen by Mr. N. E. Brookes. Mr. A. F. Wilding, who, with the sole selector, won the cup for Australasia, will be available for selection. The latter is now on his way from England to Australia.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

At the wool sales this afternoon there was good competition, and the opening prices were maintained.

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At the wool sales yesterday, prices realised were:—Gear, 6½d; Menamurtee, 6½d; Tango, 6½d; Westdome, 7½d; Longburn, 7½d; Mudgee, 10d; Maneroo, 10½d; C.O.B., 18½d; Morden, 19½d. Short faulty scoured wools were from 5 to 10 per cent. below July prices.

"CALLAN PARK ESCAPEES."

MR. EWING'S STATEMENTS.

MILITARY OFFICERS INDIGNANT.

During the course of his speech in the House of Representatives, Mr. Ewing, Minister for Defence, took occasion to criticise the uniform and appearance of the officers of the New South Wales military forces. He is reported to have said:—

At the reception of the American fleet and Governor-General it was amazing to see decent, respectable, inoffensive gentleman going round in gorgeous clothes, as if they were escapees from Callan Park. (Laughter.) If they couldn't get any more on the main topmast, they put it on the truck. It was stupendous that any man should want to get into them. He could not understand how decent middle-aged men could make such asses of themselves.

Officers generally are furiously indignant at the remarks of the Minister, which were entirely uncalled for. The Minister evidently, they state, refers to the senior officers and headquarters staff. But all the military officers resent being called "asses" and "escapees from Callan Park." Naturally they were reticent about criticising the Minister, but one officer said that the fact of a Minister being the head of the defence forces does not confer on him the right to insult his officers. "We don't put our good money into these confounded things because we like them," said an officer. "The official regulations demand certain uniforms should be worn on certain occasions. We obey the regulations, and then we are called names by the Ministerial head of our department for carrying out the instructions he issues. What are we to do?"

General Gordon declined to express any opinion on the Minister's remarks, but said that as far as the officers of the Military forces were concerned, they were dressed in strict accordance with the regulations issued by the directions of the Military Board and the Minister.

PASTORALIST VERSUS FARMER.

WARNING FROM EMMAVILLE.

EMMAVILLE, Wednesday.

At the meeting of the Wellington Vale branch of the F. and S. Association held at Gunston's Hotel on Monday night, Cr. Duddy, who presided, gave a brief resume of the conference, at which he was a delegate from the local branch. He said that the conference was largely dominated by the western branches. As president of the association, he warned the members against allowing themselves to be hedged in by the pastoralists. They had nothing to fear from the Labour party, but only let the Pastoralists' Union get the upper hand, and they knew what to expect. They were aware what the pastoralists had done in the past, and they were now spending hundreds of pounds to rope in the small settler. Look at Strathbogie, for instance. Mr. Justice Owen had recommended 15,200 acres of cancelled leases to be made available, and what is the result?—about 5000 acres are to be thrown open, whilst as to the remainder, no one knows what will be done with it. And this is the sort of thing that was going on every day. Once again, he warned the members to be on their guard.

WRECK OF THE AEON.

CASTAWAYS AT SUVA.

THRILLING EXPERIENCES.

ARMED CHINESE LOOT WRECK.

BIRTH ON THE ISLAND.

SUVA, Thursday.

The R.M.S. Manuka arrived this morning, bringing from Christmas Island the shipwrecked passengers, officers, and crew of 35 Chinese from the wrecked steamer Aeon, also her mails (500 bags).

The passengers are:—U.S. Navy Chaplain Patrick, his wife, three children, nurse, and servant; Mrs. Ringlo, Messrs. Yates, Innes, Pattie, Woods, and Hollason. The rest of the shipwrecked party are:—Captain Downie; Messrs. Thomas, first mate; Leck, second mate; Lancaster, third mate; Merritt, chief engineer; Irving, second engineer; Thornton, third engineer; Hastie, fourth engineer; also crew of 35 Chinese.

The Aeon left San Francisco on July 6 with 2,000,000ft of timber and 1000 tons of general. At 9.30 o'clock on the night of July 18 she ran smoothly on a coral rock at Christmas Island. The night was very dark, and a strong current was running. The engines were kept running full speed astern for an hour and a half, but the wind swung her broadside on to the reef. All hands remained aboard till dawn, when a safe landing was effected. There were plenty of provisions in the cargo, and a good supply of water was found on the island, a ridge of white sand acting as a natural filter bed. Huts were erected. Two lifeboats were paired, and one of them was fitted up with an oil engine and battery, one of 10 consigned to Auckland. In this improvised oil launch the captain, second mate, and first and third engineers set off on August 17 for Fanning Island, 196 miles distant. After going 18 miles the rudder was disabled, and the sails were blown away. They were forced to return. A month was spent in making more complete preparations, and on September 15 the same party again set out, and reached Fanning Island on September 18. Four days later the Manuka arrived, and took the officers aboard, and proceeded to Christmas Island, where the castaways were found all well, and delighted beyond measure at the succour coming so soon.

Mrs. Patrick had given birth to a daughter the previous night. The skilful manner in which the Manuka was handled by Captain Morrisby and officers as she lay all night off a dangerous shore with a strong current running and took aboard 500 bags of mails without the slightest mishap, excited great admiration among the passengers, and led to their meeting and passing a resolution of commendation. After 7 a.m. the castaways were safely embarked, despite a jumping sea, which made the bringing aboard of Mrs. Patrick especially a very difficult feat. The whole party was brought away.

In an interview with the castaways it transpired that the Aeon struck at 9.30 p.m. on July 18. The captain had no knowledge of the danger. He estimated that he was 20 miles away, but the currents had carried the vessel there. Life-preservers were put on, and the boats got ready. The passengers and crew behaved splendidly.

The captain took soundings, and decided to wait till daylight. There was no sleep, however, as everyone was waiting to take to the boats if necessary. Daylight showed 300 yards off a desert island. A boat, under the first officer, went ashore, and secured a cable for the boats with the passengers to land. The ladies and children were first landed, and remained all day in the sun with nothing to eat. Three shelter tents of timber and canvas secured from the wreck were erected by 7 p.m. for the ladies, officers, and crew. Then a supper was partaken of of tinned meats, biscuits, and tea.

There was no living thing on the island, not even mosquitos.

There was, however, plenty of food. A condenser was also rigged. Water, strong with lime, was found on the island. Fine, strong, south-easterly weather prevailed. The castaways built eight tents, one being a hospital tent for Mrs. Patrick, whose baby girl was born 24 hours before the Manuka arrived. She had the services of a trained nurse, and every attention.

The Aeon lies high and dry, broadside on. She is not broken, and has only sustained small damage. There are two million feet of timber and general cargo in the 'tween deck uninjured.

INTERVIEW WITH CAPTAIN DOWNIE.

VESSEL CARRIED BY CURRENTS.

SUVA, Thursday.

The captain is reticent. He attributes the disaster to strong currents. The vessel struck without warning. They were four weeks fitting the engine in the lifeboat. He said: "On August 17 we started for Fanning Island—myself, the chief engineer, second mate, and third engineer—but the engine broke down the first day. The jib and rudder also broke, and having no sails we drifted about until the current carried us back to Christmas Island, effecting a landing next morning six miles from the camp. We set to work and refitted the boat—this time with sails. Though the engine broke down often, the sails kept us going until we reached Fanning Island, on the 18th. The Manuka picked us up on the 22nd, with the boat, and she sighted Christmas Island on the side opposite the Aeon at 2 p.m. on the 23rd. We saw the ship at 4 o'clock, and sent up a rocket, but got no response. The Manuka was unable to anchor, and some difficulty was experienced in getting all aboard, which was accomplished at noon on the 24th. No one was left in charge of the ship, which is not broken.

THE NURSE'S STATEMENT.

UNRULY CHINESE.

Nurse Campbell said: "When we felt the shock we rushed on deck. It was a dark night, and there was great confusion. The Chinese grabbed all the lifebelts, and did nothing for anyone. The boats could not be lowered at first owing to the panic of the crew. The captain was very cool, and finally all were provided with lifebelts. None dared go below, but waited sleepless until daylight, when they rejoiced to see land. It was bare and desolate, but it was shore. It was miserable sitting on the rocks in the sun.

"Everybody did all they could for us. The milk of the only goat was given to Mrs. Patrick's baby. Finally, they built a hospital, and she had all she wanted. When we knew a steamer was coming, all broke down, and cried, such was our relief. It seemed an eternity. Graves and the remains of several wrecks did not cheer us. The Chinese looted the wreck. The captain ordered them off; they refused to do shore work. There was always one European guarding the Chinese, who were armed with knives and pistols, which they got from the cargo. Mrs. Patrick's bed was lifted and placed in the boat of the Manuka, and the boat was hoisted on the davits, the bed then being carried to the cabin. The only incident on the island was the appearance of a wild cat."

THE SCOTCH FISHERMEN.

VICTORIAN CONCESSIONS.

OBJECTION BY LOCAL FISHERMEN.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A special meeting of the Queenscliff Fishermen's Union was held last evening to discuss a letter received from the Port Welshpool fishermen, dealing with the proposed grant of Snake Island and the fishing rights of the surrounding three miles of water to Scotch fishermen. The communication directed attention to the inducements, which were being offered by the Governments of Victoria and South Australia to bring Scottish fishermen to Australia. "It is," the letter went on "a well-known fact that our own fishermen cannot at present send anything like a full catch to market, and get any sort of fair price for them. If these Governments are anxious to assist fishermen they have ample opportunity to assist their own men before strangers. The only effect of the proposed schemes will be to make Melbourne a dumping-ground for the surplus fish. It is idle to say that our own men cannot catch fish in plenty. The Scotch delegates suggested the use of trawls and other drift nets; but so far experience here has shown more than once that they are quite unsuitable for our fishing, and our men would in the end have to teach the Scotchmen how to catch fish in Australian waters." The note concluded by asking the Queenscliffe Union to appoint a delegate to meet in Melbourne other delegates of the various fishing centres in order to press their views on the Government, and to enter a strong protest against any undue preference being given to outside fishermen. The meeting, which was fully representative of the Queenscliffe fishing fleet, was unanimous in its determination to support the Port Welshpool fishermen. The president (Mr. Warren) was chosen as the union's delegate to the proposed conference.

FEDERAL CAPITAL.

BATTLE OF THE SITES.

ANOTHER BALLOT TO BE TAKEN.

DALGETY BILL DEFEATED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

By a majority of seven votes, in which every member's name was recorded, the House of Representatives to-night refused the second reading of the Dalgety Territory Delineation Bill. It was decided to ballot afresh for a site for the capital of the Commonwealth, and the selection will, if present intentions are carried out, take place next Wednesday.

The Government was not unprepared for the events of to-day's sitting; in fact, the form to be adopted was all ready for presentation to the House. A fresh turn was given to the debate in the afternoon by the amendment of a Victorian member, Mr. Hans Irvine. There was some suspicion of a pitfall in the request of the Attorney-General that the second reading should be passed, and that the test as to whether a ballot was to be taken should be attached to the elimination of some word in the bill when in the committee stage. This operated to some extent against the proposal. Various undercurrents run through political contests which bring influences to bear, and there are many in this case, which caused the majority for the ballot. There was one thing, the determination on the part of the opponents of Dalgety to compel immediate steps to be taken to arrange for the acquisition of the territory, and the subsequent transfer to the Legislature. This was by no means a palatable dish for the Victorian members, who were for the retention of the name in the bill. Mr. W. H. Irvine last night spoke as though with authority. He gave in no undecided tones his opinion that it is too inaccessible to be thought of. There would be no swift, easy railway journey for members of Parliament from the southern portion of the continent, and their lot would be worse than that of the members from New South Wales in their weekly trips to and fro. All this was a strong factor in the vote for the amendment. That it was in the minds of many who were for the bill that it would mean the indefinite postponement of the whole question if Dalgety were adhered to is undoubted, and in this they were affrighted at the stand taken by members in all quarters of the House that whatever the choice there must be no delay.

The question now becomes an open one. How many cities will be proposed for the ballot is uncertain. Mr. Foster will nominate Armidale, and Tumut, Lyndhurst, and Canberra will be put forward. The Dalgetyites are confident that they still have the numbers to again come out victorious.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

"Hobson's choice," said Mr. Hans Irvine in moving his amendment,—"That in the opinion of this House a further opportunity should be afforded of taking a ballot on other positions besides Dalgety for the seat of government, before this bill be further proceeded with." His position, he explained, was that he had not seen any of the sites, knew nothing about them, and if his amendment were not accepted, he would, in voting on the second reading, vote for or against one site only—Dalgety. He thought the selection of Australia's capital was a matter that might well have been deferred for 20 years or so. But it was part and parcel of the Constitution, and had to be settled. Many new members like himself had not had the opportunity of voting for any site.

Mr. Groom (Attorney-General) rose to oppose the amendment. He reproached the last speaker. Mr. Hans Irvine was inconsistent. Why did he say he knew nothing about any of the sites, and then say he wanted to ballot straight away? Why oppose the second reading of the bill? Was not the agreement satisfactory—to pass the second reading, and then have a test when in committee whether Dalgety was to remain?

"This bill offers nothing but Dalgety," said Mr. Wilson.

The Attorney-General reasoned that the hon. member was wrong. If there was an indication given in committee that Dalgety should be struck out the bill would be reported to the House, and arrangements made for a ballot.

What was the objection to taking a vote so as to have a ballot now? demanded Mr. Kelly. That would be the most honest and straightforward way.

On these lines the debate continued for some time. The position of the opponents of Dalgety was that by allowing the second reading to be carried they would be affirming a bill stating in preamble that it was for the Act to "determine more definitely the seat of government in the neighbourhood of Dalgety." What the object of the Government was in wishing the House to wait until the committee stage was not made clear. The only explanation furnished was that it would get the debate finished.

At half-past 8 the House divided on the amendment proposing a ballot.

It was carried—for the amendment, 26; against the amendment, 19.

FOR, 26.

M'Donald	Fairbairn	Knox
Sir Wm. Lyne	Archer	J. Thomson
Chanter	Wilson	H. Irvine
Wilks	J. T. Brown	Sir Philip Fysh
Kelly	Hughes	Hall
Reid	D. Thomson	Fuller
J. Cook	Glynn	Carr
Sinclair	Foster	T. Brown
Spence	Bowden	

Pairs.—Atkinson, Webster, Liddell, Willis, Edwards, Foxton, Livingstone, M'Williams, Watson, W. H. Irvine, Palmer, Watkins, Johnson, Smith.

AGAINST, 19.

Mauger	Sir John Forrest	Matthews
Groom	Fisher	Mahon
Hedges	Maloney	Coon
Fraser	Hutchinson	Storrer
Catts	Deakin	Crouch
H. Cook	Simpson	Ewing
Wise		

Pairs.—Page, Bamford, Wynne, Sir John Quick, Tudor, Batchelor, Fowler, M'Dougall, Poynton, O'Malley, Chapman, Harper, Salmon, Thomas.

BALLOTING ARRANGEMENTS.

The Attorney-General, on the amendment being agreed to, proceeded to detail the arrangement proposed for the ballot. He desired to proceed with it at once, and to receive nominations of sites to-night. The form he wished adopted was already in print, and was handed out to members. The proposal to suspend the Standing Orders so as to get the matter through was objected to by Mr. Mahon, and the Attorney-General gave notice that he will move the adoption of the proposal to-morrow. It reads as follows:—"(1) That this House do forthwith proceed to determine the opinion of members as to the site for the seat of government of the Commonwealth; (2) that the following be the method of selection of the site, and that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the House from adopting such method; that the selection be made from the sites nominated without debate by honorable members, provided that no nomination shall be received unless it is supported by at least five members in addition to the member nominating, rising in their places; that the House do forthwith proceed to the nomination of sites, and that the Speaker do declare the time for nominations to be closed as soon as sufficient opportunity has in his opinion been given to receive nominations; that an open exhaustive ballot be taken at a later hour without debate in the following manner—(a) ballot papers shall be distributed to honourable members containing the names of the sites nominated; (b) members shall place a cross opposite the name of the site for which they desire to vote, and shall sign the paper; (c) the ballot papers shall then be examined by the clerk; (d) the total number of votes given for each site shall be reported to the House after each ballot; (e) if on the first examination any site proves to have received an absolute majority of votes the Speaker shall report the name of such site to the House, and such site shall be deemed to be the one preferred by hon. members; (f) if no site receives an absolute majority of votes then the name of the sites receiving the smallest number of votes shall be reported to the House, and shall be struck out; (g) if any two or more of the sites shall receive an equal number of votes such number of votes being the smallest, then the House shall ascertain in the customary manner which of such sites should in the opinion of hon. members be further balloted for, and the name of the other or others shall be struck out; (h) further ballots shall then be taken on the names of the remaining sites, and the name of the site receiving the smallest number of votes in each successive ballot shall be reported to the House and struck out in the manner aforesaid, until one of the sites receives an absolute majority of votes; (i) when one of the sites has received an absolute majority of votes the name of such site shall be reported to the House by the Speaker, and such site shall be deemed to be the site preferred by hon. members."

A STATION TRAGEDY.

GOVERNESS WITH THROAT CUT.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Private advices received from Mackay state that Miss Duffy, governess at Carpentaria Downs station, was found dead in bed with her throat cut from ear to ear. No motive can be assigned for the crime at present, but it is understood a weapon was found near the body.

ADA CROSSLEY SEASON.

STAR IN GREAT VOICE.

THE NEW TENOR'S SUCCESS.

Last night's audience at the Town Hall was on the tip-toe of expectation as to the potentialities of the new group of artists headed by their favourite, Mme. Ada Crossley, and their "verdict of enthusiasm" took the form of more than doubling the classic programme. At 10.45 they still lingered in the hope of hearing more of the dulcet strains of "Love and War," and failing that dispersed contentedly to spread abroad the news of a great evening amongst their friends. It was not only the return of Ada Crossley that delighted them, but her return in fuller voice. The Australian contralto exhibits a heavier quality than she did five years ago, when her lower register seemed to be under partial eclipse, whilst she still retains the heart-reaching sympathy of expression which has made her one of the great singers of our day. There was an unlooked-for surprise in the debut of Mr. John Harrison. Half a dozen English tenors of position, closing with Mr. Wm. Green, who was lately here with Mme. Albani, have visited Australia during the past decade. Undoubtedly Mr. Harrison o'ertops them all in the warmth and richness of his voice, and in the charm with which he uses it. The newcomer is probably destined to become the most popular tenor in England, and in the meantime Australia is hearing him just before he reaches his zenith, instead of long after it, as in the case of Mr. Edward Lloyd. Mr. Percy Grainger, amongst his own countrymen once more, but with more purpose in his brilliancy, and more sentiment in his style, forms another element of attraction; whilst in Mr. Hamilton Earle the audience recognised a basso cantante of power and wide artistic scope, and in Mr. Leon Sametini a young violinist whose tone was particularly sweet, and his style pure.

Mme. Ada Crossley, becomingly gowned in soft primrose satin with corsage richly begemmed, was welcomed back with the utmost enthusiasm. The artist, keeping well in view the classic aspect of her programme, introduced for the first time here the recitative and aria, "Armes-vous d'un noble Courage," from Gluck's opera on Euripides' "Iphigenie en Aulis." The singer's declamation of the majestic recitative at once showed her in splendid voice, and the spirit of indomitable pride and power which inspired the aria was impressively maintained right up to the grandly effective passage in which the voice descends through the interval of an octave in the manner more frequently allotted in bass music. The aria, though not as fascinating as the same composer's "Divinities of the Styx," which it is to be hoped Mme. Crossley may sing later, proved full of interest. When it was originally performed in 1774, a first-night connoisseur, Arnould, declared that "avec cet air, on fonderait une religion"; and the applause and offerings of garden blossoms which followed went some way to show that the Town Hall audience was of the same opinion. The contralto's encore was "Life's Gifts," composed expressly for her by George Clutsam. It was rendered with perfect diction, and the affecting contrast between the lower and upper portions of the voice so adroitly provided for by the composer. Mme. Crossley sang three Gipsy songs by Brahms, the last of which, the well-known "Sandmanchen," with its accompaniment like fairy-bells, was given with exquisite tenderness and simplicity. Translations of the German lyrics appeared on the programme, and these proved invaluable in explaining the meaning of the music. But after all, whilst it is right and necessary that the finest music of all nations should be presented, it often happens that some little song that can be readily "understanded of the people" makes the deepest impression. So it was last evening, when Mme. Crossley responded to the insistent encore with Nevin's "O that we two were Maying." We have not heard any artist even approach the Australian contralto in the poignant tenderness and awed expression she imparts to this poetic effusion. Cuthbert Wynne's "Through Love to Light," with organ obbligato, played by Mr. J. Edward Sykes, took the audience by storm, owing to the generous outpouring of vocal richness by which the singer gave significance to the closing passages. Mme. Crossley finally accepted the double encore, revealing a sure emotional touch both in "The Banks of Allan Water" and the Scotch ballad "Hame."

Singers, like poets, are born, not made, and this is most markedly the case with the new tenor. Mr. Harrison's natural gifts have been strengthened and refined by art, but the quality in it which moves the audience, as old Haydn said of his "Creation" with a gesture heavenwards, "comes from There." The voice, whatever it once was, is now of pure tenor timbre, very rich in musical quality, and this characteristic is preserved also in the mezza voce passages, of which, as in "O Vision Entrancing," the new-comer makes great use. Occasionally the p.p.p. effects are a little too fine for so large a hall, but when he "lets himself go" on his top notes the effect is thrilling. The singer was called and recalled all the evening, adding two songs—Clutsam's "Myrra," last rendered here by Mr. Watkin Mills, and "To Mary" (M. V. White)—and winning similar honours after a captivating interpretation of "O Flower of All the World" (Woodforde Finden). The other vocalist, Mr. Hamilton Earle, draws upon an unusually wide range of music, and this will assist the star in giving variety to her programmes. He sang "Hear me, ye winds and waves," from Handel's "Scipio," in which his large and melodious voice, employed with dignity and pathos of expression, was heard to great advantage. Mr. Watkin Mills last sang this seldom-heard aria in Sydney. The encore was "To Anthea," so often repeated by Santley on the same platform nearly 20 years ago. Mr. Earle's sustained style was exemplified in Hugo Wolff's noble song "Verborgenheit," recently introduced here by Miss Emma Sussmilch, and he then rendered with spirit Edward German's rollicking ballad "Glorious Devon," with the same composer's "Four Jolly Sailor Boys" as encore.

Mr. Percy Grainger has much advanced in his art since he made his popular successes here five years ago. He played Busoni's (comparatively) new arrangement of Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in D major" (organ), with classic brightness and animation in the prelude, and showed much judgment in launching the crescendo. This, curiously interrupted by fortissimo chords, gradually reached the colossal climax designed by the old master. The performance showed finish as well as power. The fair-haired young player's reception was exceedingly cordial, and he finally responded with Chopin's "Prelude No. 17." After the "Racoczky March" setting by Liszt, his encore was Schumann's "Romance in F sharp," in which sentiment and thought were revealed. M. Leon Sametini's tone is not remarkable for its strength, but it is singularly sympathetic and pure, so that he made an excellent impression. Bach's "Air for G string," and Mozart's famous "Minuet," led to variations on the theme in the sestette from "Lucia" (unaccompanied) as encore. These were wonderfully executed by the young Dutch violinist, the chord passages always sure, and the difficult harmonics delightfully accurate.

Mr. J. C. Williamson announces another concert for to-morrow night.

FEDERAL OPPOSITION.

MOVEMENT FOR AMALGAMATION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The members of the direct Opposition met to-day at Parliament House to consider the proposal put forward by their leader, Mr. G. H. Reid, and acquiesced in by the deputy leader, Mr. J. Cook, that an attempt should be made to bring about amalgamation with the corner Opposition party.

Seen after the meeting Mr. Reid said:—"We had a very large meeting of the members of the party, both senators and members of the House of Representatives being present. The business of the meeting, as submitted by me, was a question of the union of the two wings of all Opposition members in both Houses. I suggested that this union was a matter of great urgency and importance in the interests of sound principles of legislation and Parliamentary government, and that I thought we should approach the gentlemen below the gangway in order to endeavour to bring about a fusion, not in the way of asking them to come into our party, but in the way of beginning afresh by a meeting of both wings of the Opposition, all personal questions being obliterated, Mr. Cook and myself advancing no sort of claims or pretensions to leadership on the ground of past services, so that the united party should begin by being absolutely free to make its own arrangements. In all these matters I found the meeting entirely sympathetic, and it was resolved unanimously that I should convey this desire to hon. members below the gangway. The meeting was then adjourned until Thursday next at 11 o'clock, in order that I might report the result."

Up till a late hour this evening Mr. Reid had not seen many of the members of the corner party. It is understood, however, that several of the gentlemen sitting below the gangway are disinclined to take any part in the movement suggested by the leader of the Opposition.

This evening a large section of the corner party deputed Sir John Forrest to represent them, and to receive proposals from Mr. Reid with regard to the suggested amalgamation of parties.

The Agricultural and Pastoral Notes in this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" deal with important subjects.—Advt.

AVENGING MASSACRES.

METHODS SEVERELY CRITICISED.

ISLANDERS LAUGH AT WARSHIPS.

Still another vigorous protest is added to the large number which have been raised against the methods of British warships and British officials in meting out punishment to the murderers of white settlers in the South Sea Islands.

Among the passengers by the steamer Upolu, which arrived in Sydney last night from the Solomon Group, was Mr. C. B. Faddy, Messrs. Lever Brothers' trade department manager, stationed at Maravo Lagoon; and Mr. Faddy brought with him three years' pent-up disgust at the way in which he says the murderers of his fellow white residents in the Solomon Islands have been allowed to escape from justice.

"The administration is a disgrace to the whole country," he said warmly. "I have had to carry a revolver in case of an attack by the natives, who might come at any moment. When a white man is murdered, his death is not avenged as it should be.

"Here are six recent cases as illustrations: There was the murder of Mr. Finlayson, killed by the crew of his own schooner, the Savo. A punitive expedition was sent to Bobitani by Mr. Partington, deputy commissioner, and a party of traders. The only thing they did was to kill an old man and a young girl.

"Mr. M'Conville was murdered at Bougainville, in German territory. Two of the murderers were captured in English teritory and handed over to Mr. Oliphant, the ex-commissioner's deputy. Later on, however, they were liberated, and the trader who had effected their capture was told by an official that he had no right to make the arrest. Then there was the case of Mr. Carlson. Nothing has been done in connection with his murder. A fourth murder was that of Captain Mackenzie, who was killed at Malaita. The cruiser Cambrian was sent to avenge the deed, and they made a lovely hash of it. The account published in the 'Herald' of September 8 is quite right. No one was killed, and the warships were treated with contempt.

"Practically nothing was done in the case of the murder of Oliver Burns, though the Cambrian was again despatched on a punitive expedition. Nor was anything done by the residents of the island itself. The only occasion on which the murderers were brought to justice was after Mr. P. Brown was murdered most brutally. The murderers were so bold that they did not leave the scene of the tragedy, or else they would never have been taken. A Government official was sent to inquire into the murder, and the natives told him that Brown had drunk so much gin that his head had burst. The official believed that death had occurred from natural causes, and was going away, but a couple of white settlers dug up Brown's body to show the way he had been done to death. It was only then that the assassins were arrested."

Mr. Faddy paused, and raised his left hand. "Look at that scar," he said, pointing to an ugly seam about two inches long running from the wrist to the palm. "Do you know how I got that? Last August a native of Rendova ran amok, and had to be shot. I got that wound struggling with him. It was done with a knife. I promised not to tell the name of the white man who shot him, but by his action he saved a wholesale massacre of the whites. Mr. Woodford, Resident Commissioner, held an inquiry, at which I gave evidence. The verdict was against the white man, and the Commissioner's decision was that he should not be allowedto have a recruiting license or allow any boy to be recruited for his plantation or by any vessel of which he was in charge. The natives are free to murder white men without any action being taken for months after. Captain Mackenzie was murdered in December last, and nothing was done till August, and then with the result I have described.

"It's a funny thing the Cambrian cannot quieten the natives of Malaita like the Germans have quietened Bougainville. Bougainville used to be just as bad as Malaita, but now the place is quiet, and they have roads right through the island. If the Germans can do this, the British should be able to do the same. It is useless for a warship to just stay a day or two. They should scour the islands, and stay until their mission of vengeance is accomplished. Look at the result of the murder of Mr. Wolf in New Britain, which is under German control. The heads of the chiefs responsible for the outrage were sent to the authorities in a month or two.

"No Government official has been to the Mahavo Lagoon for the last three years except Mr. Partington, who called a year ago and stayed eight or nine hours. The Government schooner Lahloo, instead of cruising round and seeing that all is quiet, is away recruiting black boys. If they do their work properly, Government officials have no time for recruiting. Manchip's criticisms, which appeared in the 'Herald' a few months ago, were quite justified."

THE GIBRALTAR INCIDENT.

COURT-MARTIAL ON FLAGSHIP.

TWO YEARS' GAOL.

A further scene in connection with the Gibraltar incident was enacted on board the flagship yesterday, when A.B. G. Edward Millen appeared before a court-martial charged with having thrown overboard certain gun sights, pistol grips, and other gear from H.M.S. Gibraltar, on August 31.

At 8 o'clock a gun was fired from the Powerful, and the Union Jack fluttered from the peak, indicative of the court-martial to be held on board. By 10 o'clock the officers were all assembled in the Admiral's cabin. The Court was constituted as follows:—President, Captain Vaughan-Lewes, D.S.O. (H.M.S. Cambrian); members, Captain Da Costa (H.M.S. Challenger), Flag-Captain C. J. Prowse (H.M.S. Powerful), Commander Glassop (H.M.S. Prometheus), Commander Quaic (H.M.S. Pegasus).

Captain Morgan (H.M.S. Gibraltar) was prosecutor; Mr. H. H. Gilbert (Fleet Paymaster), Judge Advocate; Lieutenant Shuttleworth (H.M.S. Prometheus), prisoner's friend; Lieutenant Pinsunt (H.M.S. Cambrian), officer of the Court; official shorthand writer, Assistant-paymaster Scotland (Garden Island).

The tribunal having been constituted and the members sworn, the Judge Advocate read the charge and the circumstantial letter of Captain Morgan, of the Gibraltar. The latter document stated that A.B. Millen, No. 219,159, of H.M.S. Gibraltar, did on August 21, 1908, throw overboard certain gun sight carriers, pistol grips, and other gear, and that he had made a confession of his guilt, demonstrating in the presence of officers how he had unshipped the gear and thrown it into the sea.

On being questioned by the Judge Advocate the prisoner pleaded guilty.

Judge Advocate: Do you do so of your own free will?

Prisoner: Yes, sir.

Judge Advocate: Do you wish to make any statement?

Prisoner: Yes, sir.

Millen then handed up a statement, which was to the effect that he had thrown overboard the gear and pleaded guilty, and threw himself on the mercy of the Court. He asked to be allowed to serve whatever sentence was decided upon in Australia, as he had an uncle in Queensland, who was interested in his career.

The court was then cleared.

On resuming the Court announced that the prisoner's plea of guilty had been accepted. His record was then read. He had served six years in the navy, and his character and ability were both classed as good, though he had served one sentence of 14 days, and had four times received minor punishments. He was 23 years of age.

The court was again cleared to consider the sentence, and on resuming all the witnesses were called in to be present and hear the sentence, which was that the prisoner was to be imprisoned with hard labour for two years, and at the expiration of that period to be dismissed from the service.

GOVERNORS AT GOLF.

LORD DUDLEY BEATS PROFESSIONAL.

The Royal Sydney G.C.'s links were visited yesterday afternoon by two Governors—the Governor-General, Lord Dudley, and the Governor of Western Australia, Sir Frederick Bedford.

Lord Dudley, who is a keen golfer, played and beat Carnegie Clark, the Royal Sydney professional, two up. His Excellency for the first time round the course did 83, and it was blowing a southerly gale and raining. He plays a strong game, but does not appear to be a long driver. His golf is marked by much steadiness, and 83 is a good performance for the first time round the course, and especially so under the weather conditions. It shows that Lord Dudley is a golfer of some standing when he can put up a performance like yesterday's.

The Governor of Western Australia, Sir Frederick Bedford, played a round with Captain Gilliat (A.D.C.). Lord Richard Neville, Mr. W. Callan, and other members of the Governor-General's staff were also out.

WOMAN'S RASH ACT.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mrs. Amy Caroline Taylor shot herself through the heart with a double-barrel gun at Portland to-day. The woman unfastened her bodice and pressed the muzzle of the gun against her chest. Her mother and her husband in the garden heard the report, rushed in, and found her lying dead. Mrs. Taylor had been despondent lately. She leaves five children. Deceased was 43 years of age.

THE AUDITOR-GENERAL.

IN PARLIAMENT.

A CRITIC CRITICISED.

VIGOROUS SPEECHES.

During the budget debate in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday evening the Treasurer, Mr. Waddell, characterised as a deliberate falsehood one of the statements contained in the Auditor-General's report. He also caused to be distributed among members a memorandum prepared by Mr. Boyce, comptroller of accounts, in which the Auditor-General was charged, not only with having exceeded his powers, but with having expressed views that were demonstrably unsound. The budget debate was continued last evening, but the speeches had more direct relation to the Auditor-General's report than to the Treasurer's financial statement. Early in the sitting,

Mr. M'GOWEN asked the Premier if he was aware that the Treasurer had the previous night made a "very serious allegation" against the Auditor-General; and if he intended to take any steps to have the allegation proved or withdrawn.

The PREMIER said if the allegation was made in debate it would be dealt with in the course of debate. He was satisfied that what Mr. Waddell had to say would be said without delay.

Mr. JAMES, who resumed the budget debate, said that it might be a good thing to have a fearless Auditor-General when he found it necessary to point out any difference between the Treasury accounts and the accounts investigated by him. But when an officer in that position presented a biassed report, he not only exceeded the proper boundary of his authority but he inflicted serious damage on the credit of the State. There was nothing in section 60 of the Audit Act, under which the Auditor-General claimed to have made his criticisms regarding the coal royalty, which empowered him to enter upon a criticism such as he had indulged in. He had gone entirely outside the Act, and had done so many times.

Mr. G. A. JONES: Can it be proved he did it?

Mr. JAMES said the Treasurer had charged him with deliberate misrepresentation.

Mr. D. STOREY: If he be guilty he ought to be brought before Parliament and dismissed.

Mr. JAMES said there were numerous bits of evidence in the report that it had been prepared under peculiar circumstances, and indicated strained relations somewhere. This was evident in the passage in which the Auditor-General referred to the "so-called surplus," and again when he referred to seed wheat, and said the Government ought to take drastic steps to recover the debt still owing or write it off under statutory authority.

Mr. G. A. JONES: Why should they not pay it?

Mr. JAMES: Because, probably, they are not able to pay. It was, however, not a matter for the Auditor-General to give advice on. There was also a dissertation on Federal and State Finance. What on earth that had to do with the duties of Auditor-General he did not know. The remarks on that subject were most ill-timed, and must have embarrassed the Premier considerably in his dealings with that matter. (Hear, hear.) Apart from the Treasurer's assertion that some awful mis-statement had been made, there was ample to show that the report was written while strained relations existed between the Auditor-General and some officer, or that he sought to gain some little notoriety. In many of his comments the Auditor-General made charges which bore their own refutation.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE said that judging by remarks there appeared to be considerable doubt in the minds of the Opposition as to whether in his administration of the Mines Department he had shown himself possessed of any knowledge of business transactions. He claimed to have a larger and more varied business experience than the Auditor-General, and in administering the Mines Department he had brought that business knowledge to bear. Two matters referred to in the Auditor-General's report came under his own personal supervision. The Auditor-General stated that in the case of the Bulli colliery £1097 was claimed by the Department of Mines as royalty on coal won without authority, and that a compromise of £750 was offered by the company's representatives, and was, on the advice of the Crown Solicitor, accepted to avoid litigation. This was one of the matters with which he dealt. He went very carefully into the matter, and the evidence that he was able to collect in the department brought out these facts:—That this particular company was mining on private lands, and also held a lease, and was mining under Crown lands. The company had been paying royalties to the private owners for the coal won from what they then supposed were private lands. Some underground surveys were made, as well as surface surveys, and it was discovered that they were working under a road. They immediately gave notice to the Department, which made a claim for coal illegally taken from under Crown lands, and also asked the company to pay a fine equal to 100 per cent. on the royalty. That was how matters stood when he took office. He could see, in going through the papers, that the matter was one for compromise, because the present company was successor to a company which had worked the ground, and had gone into liquidation a number of years before. It was impossible for the department to accurately discover the amount of coal taken out, because the ground had fallen in. He declined, seeing that the company had first given notice to the department, and had paid royalty to the private owners in mistake, to press the matter.

Mr. PARKES: Did the Auditor-General know of this?

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE: The Auditor-General had gone through enough of the papers to cull material for an attack, and if he had gone through the whole of them he could have ascertained the facts. If the Minister took a certain business view of a transaction, it was for him to do so. The Auditor-General practically growled at the Minister for having accepted the advice of the Crown Solicitor—which was very good advice—in order to avoid lengthy litigation. The Auditor-General also made reference to the Mount Kembla case. The Mount Kembla Company held lands under a grant issued many years ago, and in the grant there was a reservation of a road giving ingress to and egress from this land. The road was never surveyed; it was simply plotted. The company mined under this land, and also held land from the Crown. It thought it had gone outside its boundaries, and was mining under Crown lands. In this belief, it paid royalties to the Crown amounting to £568 17s 6d in excess of what it should have paid. The department discovered on a re-survey that coal had been taken from under the road, and asked the company to pay for it, deducting the amount overpaid. The company replied that it held all the coal within the four corners of the surveyed piece, relying on a proclamation issued in the time of Governor Fitzroy. Up to that time the minerals belonged to the State, but this proclamation gave the company the right to the coal under its land, with the exception of such land as might be in any city, township, or village. The company held that it had a perfect right to the coal under that proclamation. In this case he took advice of the solicitor to the department, Mr. Hull.

Mr. EDDEN: Was there not some dereliction of duty on the part of the mining surveyor in regard to the Bulli matter for not finding out before that mining had gone on under Crown lands.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE: No; the company was mining on private land, and the Government had nothing whatever to do with it. The question of a survey came up recently, and it was discovered that there was an error in the survey, and that the road was wrongly placed by about a chain and a half. Members would find from the report that the Auditor-General, in dealing with the Mount Kembla case, said where there are cross claims against any party entitled to a refund from the Treasury, the only business method would be to have them adjusted before settlement, and this is the almost invariable practice in the Government service. But in the case quoted it was not attempted, and a large sum of money was paid over without any effort being made to secure an adjustment of the counter claim, although the existence of such a claim was well known and prominently brought under notice on the papers. Now he had shown that every attention was given to the account, and the Auditor-General ought to have known it, because the whole of the papers were before him; yet anybody reading the statement, and knowing nothing about the circumstances of the case, would say that something wrong was being done, and that there was something behind which required explanation. He was not able to fathom what was in the Auditor-General's mind when he made these remarks, because all the facts and papers were before him, and so far from the matter not being considered, every consideration was given to the counter claim. It would have been very reprehensible on the part of anybody, when he found he was in possession of a certain amount of money which had been paid to the department in error, to seize the money without making any demand upon the other party in regard to a counter claim. The course adopted was perfectly businesslike, and one which he had adopted in his own business on many occasions. Then at page 165 of his report the Auditor-General, in reference to his remarks on the Government Savings Bank, went in for this little bit of unnecessary whitewash: "The Auditor-General is not in the habit of either neglecting his duty or of accepting the ruling of the persons whose accounts are being audited as to what should or should not be done with any accounts which he audits. Nor does he consider that he is expected to sign any document which is not an absolutely cor-

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rect statement as far as can be ascertained." While he held himself up as a paragon of excellence in regard to his own work, he was not above imputing motives to other officers. Then at page 168 the Auditor-General dealt with the Pastures and Stock Protection Board in a manner unwarranted. At page 169 he made some remarks on what he termed the amount outstanding in regard to wheat repayments. As members knew, it had been the practice of the Government to give assistance to men who otherwise would not be able to put in a crop. In some cases, unfortunately, men had been driven off the land in spite of the assistance, and, in such cases, he and his colleagues had declined to take the advice of the Auditor-General to squeeze them. They wrote off the amount due where it was shown that the men had gone under; but where they were able to repay the amount advanced they would have to pay. Another matter in which the Auditor-General acted as adviser-general to the Ministers, as to how their departments should be managed, was contained in his references to the prospecting vote, when he spoke about what he considered the pernicious practice of assisting miners out of that vote. He seemed to have taken up a position exalting himself and debasing the officers of the department.

THE TREASURER'S REPLY.

The TREASURER said he rose only to reply to what the Auditor-General had written in regard to certain refunds. He would delay a reply to other criticisms until the debate had proceeded a stage further. The Auditor-General had made some reference to him, and had used words which, if made in connection with any other gentleman's transactions, would have invoked very great indignation. He took it that every member held his honour and reputation as sacred as his life. He certainly did. (Hear, hear.) When the Auditor-General, or any other man, made any insinuation regarding his reputation, or his honour, the time had come for him to speak. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Perry had shown beyond the shadow of a doubt that he pursued only a course which any conscientious business man who was a Minister of the Crown should pursue. But supposing he had made a mistake, he (Mr. Waddell) would not be to blame, although the Auditor-General tried to make out that he was blamable, and should have refused this special refund. It would be a very serious mistake for the Treasurer, whoever he might be, to review matters dealt with by other Ministers and carefully inquired into. It would be a duplication of work. There were a large number of refunds passing through the department every day, and payments being made in connection with them. When in office as Treasurer five years ago he received from Mr. Vernon, then Deputy Auditor-General, a memo. with reference to the system of verification of claims for refunds. This memo. set forth:—

The present method is as under:—The claim, with refund voucher, is forwarded to the Treasury by the department under whose authority and supervision the refund is to be made. The Treasury forward the same, pending payment, to the Auditor-General for his verification of the fact that the sum demanded has been previously paid into revenue, etc., and on its return from the audit the Treasurer's authority is obtained for the payment. There is, as will at once be evident, needless circumlocution, often causing delays in payment, and I propose to drop the verification of such refunds on and after July 1 next for the following reasons:—First, the essential principle of our State audit is that it shall be performed on the completed transactions; second, equal if not superior security can be obtained in a much simpler way, and at less cost, by making it obligatory that any refund shall be substantiated by proper proof of the payers' claim thereto before being transmitted to the Treasury for payment, as is the case with all other liabilities of the Government. Third, the responsibility for the payment should in every instance rest upon the officer who authorises the payment, and any assumption of responsibility by the Treasury, as in the case of the system now in vogue, is likely to encourage carelessness on the part of authorising officers. I find that the continual growth of the work in this department makes it imperative that means be adopted, not only to do away with all useless and inappropriate work, but to attempt the introduction of a more efficient and up-to-date system of audit, and it is with this end in view that I propose the alteration dealt with above. There is no valid reason why the Auditor-General should continue the present system in regard to refunds of verification before payment. The system is an old one, and was, I believe, inaugurated merely as an extra precaution prior to payment, the Auditor's verification being a certificate that the amount to be refunded had actually been paid into revenue, etc., and was available for refund. I should still require to see all classes of refund vouchers, which at present come to me, as the necessity for making the notations in our registers against the various holdings would continue. It will be necessary to inform all departments of the intended change in system, with a special intimation as to the responsibility resting on officers to authorise refunds.

Following the suggestion of the Auditor-General a circular was sent to all the Government departments on May 15, 1903, directing that the responsibility of dealing with all refunds should lie with the departments recommending them. That practice had been continued up to the present. This letter was attached to papers which the Auditor-General recently called for. And a curious thing happened. When the papers were sent back to the Treasury the letter was not with them. The Auditor-General doubtless felt that it was rather a contradiction of the position he had said Mr. Waddell should take up as Treasurer. These facts showed that the Auditor-General's observations in regard to him were very uncalled for. He then read other correspondence which took place between himself and the Auditor-General on the subject of certain special refunds. The previous night he used very strong words under very great provocation. He wished he had not used those words. The Auditor-General had made a statement which he must have known at the time was not true. The facts were that in a minute headed "Refund to Mt. Kembla Co. in opposition to the legal opinion of the Crown Solicitor," the Auditor-General considered that the refund was of a special nature, and should have received the special approval of the Treasurer, and that as the company owed the Government £245 17s 6d royalty on coal won without the authority of the Mines Department, that sum should have been deducted from the amount of the refund claimed (£508 17s 6d). That refund, however, was not of a special character. It was merely an ordinary refund of an over-payment made by the company and required no approval beyond that of the Minister for Mines. It was "misleading, untruthful, and wrong" of the Auditor-General to head his memorandum with those words. It could convey "only a most untruthful inference." (Hear, hear.) The inference was that it was known to be illegal to make this refund, and that his colleague in making it had done an illegal act. That was the only inference, and he felt indignant knowing that the Auditor-General had gone carefully through all the papers. In making that statement last night he was sorry to say it was true. He was sorry the Auditor-General had allowed his pique and personal bitterness to influence him to write such minutes and misrepresent facts in that shameful way. On June 12 Mr. Holliman, Under-Secretary for Finance and Trade, wrote a minute in respect of the last communication from the Auditor-General, in which he emphasised the difference Mr. Vernon sought to make between the Mount Kembla refund and any other which the Minister had by law power to authorise; and he defended the company against the suggestion that it would seek to evade payment of the amount due. To assume that the company desired to evade payment was, in Mr. Holliman's opinion, to take an extreme, if not unjustifiable, view. As to the Auditor-General's reference to the "unbusinesslike manner" in which the matter had been dealt with, a perusal of the papers would show that the allegation was unwarranted so far as the Treasury was concerned. The Under-Secretary also drew attention to the heading of the Auditor-General's minute—"Refund to Mount Kembla Coal Company in opposition to the legal advice of the Crown Solicitor." It seemed to Mr. Holliman that there was some misapprehension. The Crown Solicitor had stated that there was no question of law involved, and his remarks on the case were therefore merely in the nature of a suggestion. Subsequently in the course of conversation, the Crown Solicitor had stated that had the company insisted upon a settlement of the refund apart from the Government claim the department could not have refused the request, and had the company taken legal proceedings the Government could only have claimed the amount as a set-off. On this he (the Treasurer) had written a note expressing the opinion that the Under-Secretary's view of the case was the correct one. For the Treasurer to review all such matters would not only lead to an enormous amount of duplication, but would tend to take away from the responsibility of individual Ministers. Seeing that the company was a reputable and substantial one, Mr. Perry seemed to have taken a correct view of the case, and to treat it as a disreputable and unsubstantial one would be to act in direct opposition to ordinary business methods. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Vernon, the Treasurer continued, finding he had got into a very tight place, closed the correspondence with a short and not very satisfactory minute, on June 19, in which he referred to his long experience in business, and said his opinion was still unaltered. Where Mr. Vernon got his experience he (the Treasurer) did not know.

Mr. D. STOREY: How long was he in the Treasury?

The TREASURER: About 30 years, and he was in the Railway Department before that.

Mr. D. STOREY: Did he bear a good character all the time?

The TREASURER: Yes; and I hope my honourable friend and I do so too. Supposing he had not replied to these allegations, and after the lapse of some time the papers had been laid on the table, what would members think on reading that minute? There was only one possible conclusion to be arrived at—that Mr. Perry had sent the matter to the Crown Solicitor, that the Crown Solicitor had found there was a legal point involved, and had advised that it would be illegal to make the refund, and that in spite of that legal advice Mr. Perry had paid the money. That was the only possible conclusion, and he had shown that it would be an altogether erroneous and misleading conclusion. The Auditor-General in dealing with the reputation of another man, even his business reputation, should be very careful as to his facts, and not make unfounded statements seriously reflecting on the character of people. Unfortunately the Auditor-General had in his report dealt with a number of matters he had no right to deal with. It was unfortunate in the interests and welfare of the country that he had gone out of his way to deal with the question of Federal-State finance as he did, especially when the Government had taken up the position that the proposals of Sir William Lyne would prove unjust to this and the other States. Knowing that, and knowing that the Government was discharging its duty in trying to protect the interests of the people, he could scarcely imagine any sane man in Mr. Vernon's position taking up the attitude he had done. He had no doubt that the Auditor-General's attitude would very seriously embarrass the Government and the Governments of the other States in their attempts to arrive at a settlement.

The PREMIER: Sir William Lyne claims it as the strongest point in his favour.

The TREASURER said that when the Opposition had raised all their bogies he would at a later stage proceed to demolish them.

Mr. KELLY: You are raising the bogey now.

The TREASURER: No, you are the "bogeyman."

Mr. DACEY said the Auditor-General had been clubbed for about two hours. Personally he was under the impression that the Auditor-General was an officer of Parliament, and reported to the Speaker, not to the Ministers. It was extraordinary that the Treasurer did not in the course of his Budget speech refer to matters which had been discussed by the leader of the Opposition. The bombshell Mr. M'Gowen had dropped on the Treasury benches had an amazing effect, and it was amusing to see the fluster in the Ministerial ranks when they found that the ship had sprung a leak.

Mr. D. STOREY: They are using the pumps to-night.

Mr. DACEY: Who is Mr. Boyce? He knew he was the comptroller of accounts, but had he any special right to be in the House? Could the Ministers not get through without his assistance?

An Hon. Member: What would you do if you were drowning?

Mr. DACEY: Oh, I suppose I'd do the same.

The PREMIER: You wouldn't sink. (Laughter.)

Mr. DACEY: I'm like the Premier; I'm too inflated. He was not aware that Parliament had constituted Mr. Boyce the censor of the Auditor-General's report. In all his Parliamentary experience he had never before seen a Treasurer seeking shelter behind the back of a Public servant. It was to the Treasurer the House looked, and not to Mr. Boyce. It was a very serious matter when any person in the high position of the Treasurer rose and said in effect that an old and valued servant, as Mr. Vernon, the Auditor-General, was, was a liar. They did not expect to hear language like that in the House. Mr. Boyce also said that some of Mr. Vernon's remarks in the report amounted to gratuitous advice to the responsible Ministers. The Auditor-General did not give advice to Ministers; he gave it to Parliament.

Mr. PARKES said that the Auditor-General had stepped far beyond his province; but one recommendation was deserving of grave consideration, and that was the probable chance of a sinking of the revenue in the future.

The debate was adjourned.

STANDS BY FIGURES.

DUTIES DEFINED BY STATUTE.

RESPONSIBLE TO PARLIAMENT.

Considerable excitement has been aroused by the remarks of the State Treasurer in Parliament on Wednesday, when he said that Mr. Vernon had deliberately lied in his criticisms on the non-collection of royalties due to the State; and by the allegation made that the Auditor-General had exceeded his powers in recommending certain payments to the Public Works Fund and commenting on the Federal finance proposals.

The Auditor-General yesterday declined to make any reply whatever to the remarks of Mr. Waddell. He took his stand solely, he said, upon the sections of the Act under which he held office; and his report and figures stood until Parliament saw fit to take exception to them.

WERE AUDITOR'S DUTIES EXCEEDED?

As to the stand taken by Mr. Vernon, the statute appointing the Auditor-General is the Audit Act of 1902. The memo. by Mr. Boyce, Comptroller-General of Accounts, which was circulated by the Government in Parliament during the debate, accused the Auditor-General of exceeding his powers in:—

(1) Criticising the Federal and State financial proposals.

(2) Saying that he "devoutly hopes that grants in aid of these funds (public works and closer settlement) will be continued, and the recurring credit from land sales to public works fund will not be restricted to two-thirds of the proceeds, but will embrace the whole net amount received from the alienation of the public estate, etc."

(3) And that "It would have shown a wise forethought had arrangements been made to obtain the authority of an Act of Parliament which would have enabled the Government to wipe out at once the balance of the deficiency account, etc."

(4) And that "In last year's report attention was drawn to the danger which existed of overstepping the bounds of safety, under the encouragement given by such flowing revenues as have been the rule for the last few years, a danger which is peculiarly evident when the liabilities of the next few years are considered."

The memo. quoted from Pixley's "Duties of Auditors," p. 440:—

It is no part of an auditor's duty to give advice, either to directors or shareholders, as to what they ought to do. An auditor has nothing to do with the prudence or imprudence of making loans with or without security. It is nothing to him whether the business of a company is being conducted prudently or imprudently, profitably or unprofitably. It is nothing to him whether dividends are properly or improperly declared, provided he discharges his own duty to the shareholders. His business is to ascertain and state the true financial position of the company at the time of the audit, and his duty is confined to that.

The memo also quoted from the "Encyclopaedia of Auditing" to the same effect.

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S DUTIES.

But the Auditor-General apparently stands upon the statute by which he is appointed, and not upon text-books. And section 63 of the Audit Act says:—"The Auditor-General may . . . generally report upon all matters relating to the . . . public moneys." The full text of the section is:—

The Auditor-General may in such annual report, or in any special report which he may at any time think fit to make, recommend any plans and make any suggestions for the better collection and payment of the public moneys, and for more effectually and economically auditing and examining the public accounts and stores; and may generally report upon all matters relating to the public accounts, public moneys, and stores.

The memo. says of the remarks of the Auditor-General upon the restriction of the credit from land sales to the Public Works fund to two-thirds of the proceeds:—

These remarks are not such as should be embodied in an Auditor-General's report, and amount to gratuitous advice to the responsible Minister of the Crown.

RESPONSIBLE TO PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Vernon's stand is apparently by his figures and report until Parliament takes exception to them; and upon the section which appoints him. That section makes him responsible not to Ministers, but to Parliament. His report and advice is not to Ministers, but to Parliament. By section 10 of the Audit Act he can be suspended only by the Governor, for misbehaviour, incapacity, engaging in trade or business, becoming insolvent, or absenting himself. If he is so suspended the reasons must be laid before Parliament; and unless each House of Parliament within 42 days of this prays the Governor to remove him, the suspension lapses. These sections appear to give the Auditor-General an independent position, which is, like that of a Judge, subject to no discipline save that of Parliament and his own conscience.

NON-COLLECTION OF ROYALTIES.

It was as to the Auditor-General's criticisms on the alleged non-collection of royalties that the State Treasurer's most vehement remarks applied. Mr. Waddell said of Mr. Vernon in Parliament:—

He'll be sorry when I have done with him. He has told a deliberate falsehood in this matter. I shall shake Mr. Vernon up.

This obviously referred not to the power under which the Auditor-General made his criticism; but to the truth of what he said. The power under which the Auditor-General acted was given in the Audit Act, section 60, subs (B), (C), and (G):—

The Auditor-General shall examine each statement sent to him, and . . . . sign a full report . . . showing:—

(b) Full particulars of every case in which the provisions of this Act, or any other Act or regulations, or any forms, have not been carried out or adopted, or have in any manner been varied or departed from.

(c) Every case in which default has been made in delivering or sending accounts or collecting or accounting for any moneys or stores.

(g) And such other information as may be prescribed, or as the Auditor-General thinks desirable.

THE COMMONWEALTH PROPOSALS.

Lastly, as to the Commonwealth and State proposals, the statement in the report upon which most discussion has hung is that, in Sir W. Lyne's scheme, the balance to be paid to the States would work out not only in the end, but even immediately to the advantage of the States. The scheme is condemned in some ways; but the report says:—

If a comparison be made on actuarial lines between the immediate and the present value of the prospective benefits and the average of three-fourths returned annually, based on the experience of the five years ended June 30, 1908, the results would show a balance in favour of the States amounting to £2,037,000 annually up to 1915 (when it is likely the position would be improved), or if the comparison be limited to New South Wales an annual gain of £769,000. These figures have been established after due allowance has been made for the annual interest and the arrears of interest on the outstanding debt of transferred properties. It is important to bear in mind that these figures are arrived at by calculation, and . . . (on the basis that) Sir William Lyne's scheme is accepted in toto.

Those are the figures given by the Auditor-General in his report. Presumably, they are based on other figures, or some detailed calculation. But how they were arrived at, and the calculation by which they were drawn up, does not appear anywhere in the report. The Auditor-General says that his figures stand until Parliament sees fit to take exception to them. That seems to resolve the whole of this particular matter to one simple clear issue—whether the figures worked out by the Auditor-General showing a gain of £769,000 out of the Federal scheme are right or wrong. The Auditor-General has advised Parliament that the State would gain by the balance. And he says that his report stands until Parliament takes exception to it.

"BEARING" WOOL.

IDEAS OF SYDNEY DEALERS.

NO SUCH THING POSSIBLE.

In the letter from our Bradford correspondent published in yesterday's issue, reference was made to a possible combination amongst some of the English woolbuyers with the purpose of forcing down the prices of Australian wool, in order that they may be able to retrieve the losses which they sustained during the time that our chief staple was at "boom" prices. The opinions of local dealers were sought yesterday.

Mr. Hope, of Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, said: I cannot see any likelihood of such a combine succeeding. The fact that there are 250,000 bales, including a lot of wool held over from previous series—a quantity of 150,000 bales in excess of what was offered at the corresponding London sales of last year—and that prices at the opening of the sales are reported practically unchanged, does not seem to lend much colour to such a combine. We know there must be a large selection of inferior wools at such sale. If the buyers wanted to "bear" the market this would be their opportunity, because there is such a large quantity on offer, but it has not been done, so far as our present advices show. I have been in the wool trade for 38 years, and have heard of rings ever since I entered it. I do not see how a "ring" can be worked, as buyers from France, Germany, America, and Russia, as well as England, attend the sales, and all these men are represented here. We know pretty well all the largest French houses, and we know also that they have been buying here. Yesterday we sold a lot of wool, and the price was exactly at the same level as we have been selling for the last month.

Mr. Carson, of Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, spoke to the same effect. He said: We have representatives of foreign nations bidding against each other for wool, and the number of interests involved is too great for a ring or combine. If there had been any likelihood of such a thing we should have heard of it before now. The Adelaide wool sales begin to-day, and we shall see whether there is any sign of a combine pretty soon. As a fact, there are at least 170 buyers in Australia to-day.

Mr. John Leach, secretary of the Sydney Wool-selling Brokers, said: A "bear" movement might be possible among Bradford manufacturers, but it could not affect the Australian wool markets. So far as the latter are concerned, a "bear" movement among the buyers is an absolute impossibility. Some Yorkshire writers appear to be under the impression that the Australian markets are dependent solely upon Bradford competition, but the fact is that the preponderance of the buying power this side of the world is from the Continent. A very carefully-prepared list of the buyers who will operate in the Sydney market this season shows that the total number which the various countries have looking after their interests is 208, against 169 last season, and they are classified as under:—Buyers representing France, 47; Germany, 35; England, 32; local firms, 30; Belgium, 26; America, 12; Japan, 6; Russia, 6; Austria, 6; Switzerland, 3; Italy, 3; India, 2. Total, 208. Can any sane person imagine that a combination of buyers representing such diversified requirements is possible? The Sydney market is enormously ahead of all others in point of buying power, and growers may rest assured that the keen competition in the local saleroom will always safeguard their interests. It is only when a small number of buyers attend a sale that a combination to "pool" the offerings is possible.

COMMONWEALTH REVENUE.

A SATISFACTORY MONTH.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The collections of Customs and excise throughout Australia during the month which closed yesterday were announced by the Federal Treasurer this afternoon. The amounts for each State compared with those for September of last year were as follows:—

State.	September, 1908. £	September, 1907. £
N. S. Wales	388,270	377,397
Victoria	285,125	268,976
Queensland	96,415	85,807
South Australia	81,196	80,397
Western Australia	57,365	56,132
Tasmania	18,210	21,015
Totals	927,191	891,632

The totals for the three expired months of the current financial year compare as follows with those for the corresponding period of 1907-8:—

State.	For 3 months ended Sept. 30, 1908. £	For 3 months ended Sept. 30, 1907. £
N. S. Wales	1,194,518	1,215,895
Victoria	908,652	1,024,215
Queensland	302,088	285,436
South Australia	232,775	236,421
Western Australia	186,384	202,298
Tasmania	54,021	57,770
Totals	2,877,421	3,022,065

The Federal Treasurer regards the figures as very satisfactory.

THE HYTHE MURDER.

SENTENCE OF DEATH PASSED.

HOBART, Thursday.

In the Criminal Court to-day, George Hudson was found guilty of wilfully murdering Adolf Bock at Hythe on July 30 last, and sentence of death was passed on the prisoner.

On the date mentioned Bock was found on the bush track with his head smashed, and died a few hours later. Accused also at the time attempted the life of Bock's sister-in-law by shooting her. Though badly injured, she subsequently recovered. Evidence showed that the prisoner had been keeping company with Bock's wife before the deceased married her; that he then kept company with Haley Bradley, sister of Mrs. Bock, and that her friends were opposed to their marriage owing to his drinking. Bock had spoken to him and warned him to keep away.

The defence was insanity, based on a story of sunstroke 12 months ago, and delusions; also lack of premeditation.

The Chief Justice told the jury to set aside the evidence as to delusions; but suggested that the prisoner's intention was to fight Bock, not to kill him.

AMERICAN CRUISER SQUADRON.

WILL NOT VISIT AUSTRALIA.

RETURN TO HONOLULU.

Reuter's Agency has received the following message from Suva:—

"Oct. 1: "Solace, torpedo storeship, has arrived. She left Pago Pago on September 29, and reports that the American cruiser fleet carried out its programme successfully. When the storeship left all were well, and were coaling.

"It was expected that Admiral Swinburne, with the first division, would leave to-day, and Admiral Sebree with the second division to-morrow, for Honolulu.

"The fleet will not visit Auckland or Australia, as has been reported."

CURE OF LEPROSY.

SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

The Chief Health Officer (Dr. Mason) states that the Maori who is isolated at the leper station, at Lyttelton, has been cured by a special treatment, and will be returned to his home at once. Dr. Mason says that the cure was effected by the Nastin treatment, introduced some time ago by Professor Deycke Pasha, of Constantinople, where he is in charge of the leprosy institute. The treatment consists of the injection of a culture of bacillus of leprosy, which acts in much the same way as tuberculin. Other patients under treatment are reported to be receiving considerable benefit.

THE RAILWAYS.

MR. FELL'S CRITICISM.

In regard to the attack made by Mr. Fell in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday night upon the administration of the railways, the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Johnson, declined yesterday to make any statement on the subject.

IRON BONUS BILL.

REINSTATEMENT OPPOSED.

DISORDERLY PROCEEDINGS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The bill to provide for the encouragement of the iron industry was again before the House of Representatives to-night. The Treasurer, Sir William Lyne, in moving that the bill should be reinstated on the notice paper at the stage when it was interrupted by the prorogation last session, was met with a demand, particularly from the Labour corner, for a financial announcement. The Treasurer, however, declined to make a Budget statement. He said that he was in a position to tell members that there would be plenty of money available wherewith to pay any amounts that might be required.

Hon. Members: We were promised a financial statement. We ought to know where we are.

Mr. Fraser (W.A.): You won't get this bill until you do.

The Treasurer proceeded that he proposed to make one or two alterations in the bill, one of which would be a reduction of the total amount of bounties to be provided for. Another was to make clear the matter of payment of wages.

Further interruption took place. The Treasurer repeated that he could not make any financial statement that night. The Treasury would have no difficulty in finding the money.

Mr. Hans Irvine: And starve the Post Office.

The Treasurer: Nothing of the kind. I'm not going into details as to how the Estimates are framed, and how revenue is calculated.

Mr. Frazer: Well, you won't have the bill.

The Treasurer read the words of the Prime Minister on the last occasion the bill was mentioned, which were to the effect that a financial statement would be made before the bill was passed. "This is only for reinstatement," said the Treasurer.

He now became involved in wordy warfare with various parts of the House, and proceedings became disorderly. The Speaker repeatedly called members to order. The Treasurer shouted a remark about someone being always against bonuses, and the voice of Mr. Wilson, of Victoria, was heard above the din calling out, "Why, he's one of your best supporters." At this Mr. Speaker "named" the hon. member, Mr. Wilson, and asked the Prime Minister to "take the necessary steps." When a member is named he "incurs the displeasure of the House," and may be suspended for a brief period. Any action on Mr. Deakin's part, however, was rendered unnecessary by Mr. Wilson apologising.

The motion was then proceeded with.

Mr. Glynn thought that in view of recent statements as to the probable decline in revenue made by the Treasurer it was advisable that the House should be given some information regarding the financial position of the Commonwealth before a measure necessitating large expenditure be dealt with.

Mr. Foster said that, although he thought the iron industry was most important, he was of opinion that the House should know how the finances stood before it considered such an important measure. He therefore moved as an amendment,—"That the bill be made an order of the day for the day after the budget is delivered."

Mr. Wilks urged members not to make the paltry excuse that they wanted to know the state of the finances if they wanted to vote against iron bonuses. He reminded several members that they were not so anxious to know how the finances stood when they were passing bounties for articles manufactured in their own States.

Mr. Carr thought that if the House could pass bonuses for such second-rate industries as cotton and flax-growing it should not hesitate to provide bounties for the iron industry. It was ridiculous to say that because money was not already in hand for bonuses they should not go on with the bill. Australia was surely able to undertake to pay the bonuses out of future revenue. It was a shame and a disgrace to think that Parliament should presume to hang the matter up by saying that they were not in a position to finance it.

Mr. Willis was another whose desire to know how the finances stood was greater than his desire to encourage the iron industry.

Mr. Catts also wanted to know something about ways and means before he would consider the question of a bonus.

Mr. T. Brown was strongly in favour of a bonus, but he could not see his way clear to vote for it until he knew what was going to be done with regard to old-age pensions and the Postal Department.

At half-past 10 the debate was adjourned till to-morrow.

THE DEFENCE FORCES.

ATTENDANCE AT CAMPS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Minister for Defence has had a return prepared, which shows the attendance of the militia and volunteer forces at camps of continuous training. This year the average attendance of the actual strength of the forces was 81 per cent. Details were as follow:—

New South Wales.—Establishment as per estimates, 8064; actual strength at date of camp, 7063; actual number in camp, 6018; percentage of attendance in camp to strength, 85.

Victoria.—Establishment, 6407; actual strength, 6063; actual number, 4952; percentage, 82.

Queensland.—Establishment, 3275; actual strength, 2920; actual number, 2517; percentage, 86.

South Australia.—Establishment, 2073; actual strength, 1798; actual number, 1427; percentage, 79.

Western Australia.—Establishment, 1814; actual strength, 1535; actual number, 972; percentage, 63.

Tasmania.—Establishment, 1326; actual strength, 1613; actual number, 1091; percentage, 68.

Grand total: Establishment, 23,559; actual strength, 20,992; actual number, 16,977; percentage, 81.

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE.

THE APPEAL BOARD SYSTEM.

PROPOSED ALTERATION OF PERSONNEL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. Hughes, in the House of Representatives to-day, moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Public Service Act. Section 50 of the 1902 Act provides for appeals being heard by an inspector, the chief officer of the department, and a representative of the division to which the officer belongs. Mr. Hughes's bill proposes a new clause in substitution, making the personnel of the board a Judge of the country, district, or local court, or a police stipendiary, or special magistrate, the chief officer of the department to which the officer belongs, and a representative of his division elected in accordance with the regulations. The proposal is in effect to substitute for the "present partial and quite improper tribunal," as Mr. Hughes put it, one similar to that to which the citizens are accustomed in ordinary judicial cases. It allows the appellant to be present or to be represented at the hearing of his appeal, and to cross-examine witnesses. After hearing the appeal, the board will report direct to the Governor-General; the recommendations, in short, to be final.

Mr. H. Cook, honorary Minister, intimated that the Government would have to oppose the measure. Among other objections put forward, he said it would not do to have State officers on the board. The present Commissioner administered the Act on a universal basis, which six different Judges in different States could not do. Chaos would result. It would also mean the increase of trifling trivial appeals. Officers would be inclined to try their luck with the new tribunal. Within reasonable time the Public Service Act would have to be amended, and that would be the time for the appeal matter to be brought forward. He would not say that the bill should be discharged from the business paper altogether, but it should be at least postponed. There were 34 organisations in the Postal Department. Each one has asked to be allowed to send two representatives to be heard before the Postal Commission, and they would be questioned on the subject of appeals.

The debate was adjourned till October 18.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

AMENDING VICTORIAN BILL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Copies of the bill to amend the law with respect to medical evidence in civil cases were circulated to-day. This bill modifies section 55 of the Evidence Act of 1890, which declares that no physician or servant shall, without the consent of his patient, divulge in any civil suit, action, or proceeding, unless the sanity of the patient is the matter in dispute, any information which he may have acquired in attending the patient, and which was necessary to enable him to prescribe or act for the patient. The amending bill declares that "this section shall not apply to any physician or surgeon, so far only as regards any evidence or information given by or required from him in any civil suit, action, or proceedings, provided, however, (1) that he cannot give evidence or information as to any statement made to him by his patient; (b) that any evidence or information given by such physician or surgeon must relate to the issue; and (c) that no question shall be answered which, in the opinion of the Court, is asked in order to injure the patient or is not material to the issue."

THE SURPLUS REVENUE.

HOW MUCH HAS BEEN DEDUCTED.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE MOVED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Since the opening of the session several questions have been asked the representative of the Government in the Senate with regard to the amount of moneys kept back from the States during the months of July and August under the Surplus Revenue Act. In each instance Senator Best, Vice-President of the Executive Council, had asked the inquiring Senator to postpone his question until the budget speech had been delivered, as the figures asked for would appear in the Treasurer's statement.

Senator Chataway was one of those who asked and was refused the information. To-day he moved the adjournment of the House to draw attention to the action of the Government in declining to give the information required. He said that the budget would deal with the general principles and estimates for the coming year; but as to how much money had been retained appeared to be a matter of fact, and not a matter of policy. The State Treasurers had put the same question to the Government, and they could not get a reply. They wanted to go on with making up their estimates, and could not do so. All he wanted to know was what amount stood in the books of the Treasury to the credit of trust funds. He did not want any complicated set of figures. He did not think the Senate should be kept waiting for information till the Treasurer thought fit to deliver his speech in the House of Representatives. Members were equal at any time to such information as to how much the Government had, and as to how the funds were invested. The Government was not treating the members with due courtesy in refusing the information.

Senator Best, Vice-President of the Executive Council, in opening, said that Senator Chataway was not fair in saying that the Government was trying to hide facts from members. As the budget speech was about to be delivered, he asked the hon. Senator to extend the ordinary courtesy in such cases, and not ask the Treasurer to give out facts of his budget by dribs and drabs. If the Minister gave the information required by Senator Chataway there would be dozens of other questions asked, and the Treasurer would have no information left to make his speech on. The figures asked for would be divulged in the budget speech. If they were given now they would be inaccurate, as certain deductions and readjustments had to be made.

Senator Millen said that it was all nonsense, the Government refusing to give the information asked for, for the reason that it would be touched on in the budget speech. Why, almost every subject would be dealt with in the speech, and if the rule sought to be applied by the Government was carried out members could ask questions on practically nothing at all.

Senator Pulsford characterised Senator Best's reply as mere bluff. There was no reason why the States should not know at the end of each month how much money they would have got had the money not been appropriated.

Senator Chataway said it was the first time he had known a Minister refusing to give any information to the Opposition for fear that it would be misleading. However, as the Minister had assured him that the figures if supplied now would be unreliable, he would withdraw his motion.

Leave was given, and the motion was accordingly withdrawn.

NEW ZEALAND.

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The House has passed a bill authorising the Government to borrow an additional million pounds for the purposes of advances to settlers.

STEAMER ELGIN SHORT OF COAL.

BURNING HER CARGO.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

A telegram was received this morning from Seal Rocks stating that the steamer Elgin had passed there, and had signalled that she was short of coal. The vessel, however, had a cargo of timber from Vladivostock on board, and was using that for fuel. The tugs Champion and Advance were sent away early in the afternoon to the vessel's assistance. They reached her shortly before 6 o'clock, near Broughton Island, but the captain stated that he did not require any help. He was making slow headway against the heavy sea running, and expected to reach Newcastle at about daylight. Most of the timber from the port side had been burned; but there was still a large amount on the starboard side. The two tugs got back to port shortly before 10 p.m.

WALKING ROUND AUSTRALIA.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

William Ernest Morley will leave Fremantle on Friday on a walking tour round the coast of Australia. His kit will consist of a special water tin, waterproofs, change of clothing, billy, containing condensed foods, fishing tackle, gun, and ammunition.

SATURDAY.

TO MAKE HOLIDAY UNIVERSAL.

"What is the use of getting out of the shop on Wednesday afternoon when there's never a cricket match, or a yacht race, or anything else worth watching? Those are all on the Saturday, but I've worked 35 years, and never had one Saturday off yet."

That was how Mr. Nock, of Messrs. Nock and Kirby's, put into a nutshell the argument for a universal Saturday half holiday. "There is no need to frighten people; it is not proposed to shut them out of their fruit shops, and tobacconists', and hairdressers', and other schedule shops. All that would happen is that the shops in the suburbs would do as the city ones do now—be open on Wednesday, work late on Friday, shut early on Saturday, and give owners and all hands from the middle of Saturday to Monday morning free. The shops could do it now if they liked to lose half their trade. The big stores, which have no Saturday afternoon trade to do, close now on a Saturday. But we others catch three days' trade of a Saturday night, and unless every one of us closes we dare not close. Ninety per cent. of us, owners and assistants, want this change; and we—the Shopkeepers' Association—have just appointed seven of our members as a subcommittee to act with the Saturday Half Holiday League, and organise the great meeting which is to be held in the Town Hall on October 22 next, to press for the Early Closing Act to be amended.

"They are not only the little shops which are taking this up. There are Messrs. Riley, Wm. Lowe, Buckingham, Ashwood, or their representatives, and many others. The wholesale firms, which have their travellers on their hands now all the Wednesday afternoon, and most of the big shops in the city as well, have signed our petition. At present over 1000 shopkeepers have signed it."

STORMY CONDITIONS CONTINUE.

VERY HEAVY SEAS.

South-westerly gales, accompanied by thick rain-squalls and heavy seas, were again experienced yesterday along the coast south from Port Stephens. The steamers Coomonderry and Moruya, which left yesterday morning on their usual trips, returned to port, and numbers of vessels, both steam and sail, are sheltering.

In the city the wind blew from the south-west with a mean hourly velocity of 30 to 35 miles per hour, and at 3.41 p.m. the greatest velocity was attained—52.5 miles per hour. After noon rain commenced to fall lightly, but at 4 p.m. started to fall heavily. Up to 9 p.m. 23 points had been recorded, making a total for 36 hours of 44 points.

At 8 p.m. the weather along the coast was still cloudy to showery, and raining, with gales and rough to high seas south from Port Stephens.

Our South Head correspondent reported at midnight that the wind was blowing hard from the WSW, and that a heavy sea was running outside.

CLIFTON.—The gale experienced on Tuesday continued throughout the night and Wednesday. Heavy rain set in about dusk on Tuesday evening, and continued during the night. Wednesday was bitterly cold, with thick showers of rain. A heavy sea was running, which greatly hampered coal shipping operations at a number of the southern jetties.

CAMPBELLTOWN.—Light rain fell on Thursday, 30 points being registered up to 6 p.m.

GERRINGONG.—Cold, squally weather prevailed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Fifty-two points of rain were registered on Tuesday morning, making a total of 197 points for the month. This is the heaviest fall registered here for September since 1903, when 378 points were recorded. The total fall registered for the nine months just ended is 3389, whereas for the same period last year the fall was 2470.

MOUNT VICTORIA.—A couple of misty showers, accompanied by sleet, occurred on Wednesday afternoon.

MOSS VALE.—For the last few days light showers, accompanied by exceptionally cold winds, have prevailed. On Thursday a good general rain fell.

PICTON.—The weather during the past few days has been very cold and windy, with showers of rain at intervals.

ROBERTSON.—Heavy rain fell on Wednesday, and continued all day Thursday. Over 1½ inch has fallen, and at 6 p.m. there were no signs of clearing.

SHELLHARBOUR.—South-west squalls prevailed on Thursday. Up to 6 o'clock 40 points of rain had been registered, making a total of 180 points.

TENTERFIELD.—A cold snap was experienced on Wednesday, accompanied by light rain. The late rains have been very beneficial to the grass and herbage. If frosts keep off there should be good crops of corn, potatoes, and fruit. The district on the whole looks splendid.

WOLLONGONG.—Boisterous southerly weather conditions prevailed throughout Thursday, accompanied at intervals by heavy rain.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Oct. 1.

Upolu, s, 1141 tons, Captain Menmuir, from the Union, Ellice, and Solomon Groups of islands. Passengers—Messrs. Fulton, Wernham, W. Thomas, C. Faddy, G. Cooper, C. R. Danvers, and C. L. T. Buchanan. Lever's Plantations, Ltd., agents.

Zealandia, s, 2771 tons, Captain James V. Bentley, from Hobart. Passengers—saloon 21, steerage 13. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Corio, s, 2061 tons, Captain Parry, from Edithburg. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., agents.

Hunter, s, 1860 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Archer, s, 694 tons, Captain Nilsson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Tathra, s, 482 tons, Captain Bishop, from Eden and other South Coast ports. Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Moruya, s, 588 tons, Captain Swanson, which left at 8.5 a.m. bound for Moruya, returned to port at 11.30 a.m. Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Coomonderry, s, 147 tons, Captain Davis, which left at 7.50 a.m. bound for Moruya, returned to port at 10.50 a.m. Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Moeraki, s, 4392 tons, Captain Worrall, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Dorrigo, s, 302 tons, Captain M'Intyre, from Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Sildra, s, 3267 tons, Captain Christiansen, from Melbourne. Wm. Crosby and Co., agents.

Macleay, s, 397 tons, Captain M'Laughlin, from Newcastle. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Kyogle, s, 702 tons, Captain E. Farrell, from Clarence River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Cavanba, s, 573 tons, Captain W. Anderson, from Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Brundah, s, 884 tons, Captain Alley, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Oct. 1.

Offenbach, s, for Antwerp and Hamburg. Airlie, s, for Singapore, via ports. Southern Cross, bqtn, for Auckland, via Newcastle. Lammeroo, s, for Melbourne, via Newcastle. Malaita, s, for New Hebrides, via Newcastle. Zealandia, s, for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Oct. 2.

Runic, s, for London and Liverpool, via ports; Sildra, s, for Nauru; Allinga, s, for Melbourne; Hawkesbury, s, for Hawkesbury River, Pittwater, and Newport; Woy Woy, s, for Gosford, Wyong, and Brisbane Water; Peterborough, s, for Nowra, Bomaderry, and Shellharbour; Moruya, s, for Wollongong, Kiama, Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, Nelligen, and Moruya; Namoi, s, for Newcastle; Tathra, s, for Bermagui, Tathra, Merimbula, Ulladulla, and Eden; Narara, s, for Hawkesbury River; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke, Krambach, and Nabiac.

CLEARANCES.—Oct. 1.

Malaita, s, 929 tons, Captain Vey, for Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands and New Hebrides. Passengers—Messrs. G. Nicholls, H. Pollock, C. Missing, R. and W. D. Hull, J. Young, and H. O. Steer.

Linda Fell, s, 2925 tons, Captain West, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

Corio, s, 2061 tons, Captain Parry, for Adelaide, via Kembla.

Airlie, s, 2237 tons, Captain Wilson, for Singapore, via ports, with passengers as per list published yesterday.

Opland, s, 1344 tons, Captain Moller, for Nauru and Ocean Island. Passengers—Messrs. C. Bauriejin, F. Harris, G. M'Gregor, Forrest, M'Pherson, Thom, Clarke.

Como, s, 5137 tons, Captain Evans, for Brisbane.

Lammeroo, s, 3750 tons, Captain Butcher, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

Pilbarra, s, 2865 tons, Captain Morgan, for Geraldton, via Newcastle.

Itola, s, 5257 tons, Captain Stebbing, for Calcutta, via Newcastle.

Zealandia, s, 2771 tons, Captain Bentley, for Hobart, via Newcastle.

ENTERED OUTWARD.—Oct. 1.

Myra Fell, s, for Wallaroo and Port Pirie, via Newcastle; Zealandia, s, for Hobart.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Orient, from London, bound to Sydney, signalled Wilson's Promontory at 9.50 a.m. yesterday. The R.M.S. Victoria, from Sydney, bound to London, arrived at Adelaide yesterday, and subsequently sailed again for Fremantle.

DEPARTURE OF THE RUNIC.

The twin-screw White Star liner Runic will leave Sydney at noon to-day, for England, via the usual ports of call. The Runic, as is well known, is one of the five passenger steamers engaged in the Australian service of the White Star line. It is only a few years since the advent of these large vessels attracted so much attention, since which they have fully maintained their popularity with the travelling public, their comfortable one-class accommodation and steadiness at sea proving two of their many acceptable features. On the present voyage the Runic has been liberally patronised by passengers for this season of the year, and her cargo capacity will be fully occupied on leaving Melbourne. The following is a list of the passengers booked by the Runic:

For Durban: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Turton, Master J. Turton, Miss Barron, Mrs. A. Rigby, Mr. C. Schmutz, Mr. W. Crocker, Mr. W. H. Boden, Mrs. W. H. Boden.

For Capetown: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Porter, Mrs. J. C. Bottomley and infant, Mrs. F. Wauchope, Mrs. Gentleman and infant.

For London: Rev. Donald Baker, Miss C. Shaw, Mrs. Knight, Mr. R. K. Erskine, Mr. G. H. Haseltine, Mrs. D. R. Gregson, Mr. O. V. Paterson, Mr. J. H. Wilson, Mr. M. Selby, Mr. Joseph Romm, Mr. L. O. Pink, Miss Rita Russell, Miss D. H. Moger, Mr. E. Parry, Mr. H. Parry, Mr. H. Coffey, Mr. W. H. James, Mr. J. R. Cockbaine, Mrs. A. Radford, Mr. Philip Warton, Mr. F. C. Sweet, Miss Hurn, Mr. E. Seager, Mr. J. N. Swann, Lieut. Prichard, R.N., Mrs. Prichard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson, Rev. Pastor and Mrs. Becker, Masters G. A. and T. Becker and Misses S. P. and Stella Becker, Miss M. Cumming, Miss J. A. Ewart, Miss Taylor, Miss Titley, Miss K. E. Davies, Miss Lind, Miss Williams, Mr. E. Blore, Mr. G. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein and 2 infants, Miss Thompson, S. Walsh; and also passengers for interstate ports.

The principal shipments from Sydney are:—1400 bales wool, 1100 tons copra, 1000 tons tallow and oil, 1000 tons wheat, 300 tons shale, 2000 cases meats, 350 tons copper, 300 tons timber, 5000 hides, 450 bales skins, 100 bales leather and basils, 750 boxes butter, 4000 crates rabbits, and 22,000 carcases mutton and lamb.

The next opportunity for passengers to sail by the White Star line will be the Medic, leaving about 29th inst, and passages by that vessel will no doubt be largely availed of, as she is due in the old country just before Christmas.

THE BEULAH LEAVES LONDON.

Mr. E. A. Norton, managing agent for the Wallarah Coal Company, Ltd., was yesterday in receipt of a cable message from the head office of the company, advising the departure from London on the 30th ult. of the new steam collier Beulah, for the Sydney bunkering trade.

FROM THE ISLANDS.

The Upolu, belonging to Lever's Pacific Plantations, Ltd., arrived at Sydney last evening from a cruise through the Union, Ellice, and Solomon groups. She brought the following cargo:—638 tons copra, 21 tons beche de mer, 26 tons ivory nuts, 1 case turtle shell. The Upolu anchored in Neutral Bay.

INDRAVELLI LEAVES SUVA.

The steamer Indravelli, from Vancouver, bound to New Zealand, which arrived at Suva on Tuesday last, was detained at the request of the New Zealand Government to await the mails by the wrecked steamer Aeon, which arrived at Suva yesterday by the Manuka. The Indravelli sailed at 3 p.m. for Auckland.

QUARTERLY SHIPPING RETURN.

The following return was yesterday compiled by the Customs authorities, showing the number of ships which arrived at the port of Sydney during the months of July, August, and September, 1908, and giving the national ports of departure and total register tonnage:—

Port of Departure.	No.	Register Tonnage.
Africa	2	5,391
America	22	77,392
British	54	191,286
China	4	7,442
Dutch	2	4,543
French	13	23,141
German	17	56,017
India	4	12,289
Japan	13	31,881
New Zealand	73	103,213
Norway	1	2,340
Queensland	108	208,521
Sweden	2	3,344
Singapore	8	15,381
South Australia	46	80,573
South Seas	23	19,681
Tasmania	50	60,314
Vancouver	6	14,303
Victoria	82	133,877
Western Australia	27	68,629
Totals	567	1,122,578

THE LOCH FINLAS WRECK.

Shipmasters navigating the north-east coast of Tasmania have been cautioned by the Marine Board at Hobart to beware of drifting wreckage from the barque Loch Finlas, which went to pieces on Foster's Island on Saturday.

The Department of Navigation at Sydney has also been requested to warn shipping passing the vicinity to keep a sharp lookout.

NYMBOIDA-ALMA DOEPEL COLLISION.

A preliminary departmental inquiry was held yesterday concerning the circumstances of the collision between the steamer Nymboida and the schooner Alma Doepel, in Darling Harbour on the 22nd ult.

THE PILE LIGHT.

In future the pile light off Lang's Point will be all green instead of a bright white light. The innovation was introduced for the first time last night.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

CAIRNS (1400m).—Dep: Oct. 1, Wyreema, s, for Cooktown.

TOWNSVILLE (1370m).—Arr: Sept. 30, Mintaro, s, from Cairns. Oct. 1, Marloo, s, from Brisbane. Dep: Sept. 30, Nardoo, s, for Sydney; Hopewell, s, for Maryborough; Mintaro, s, for Sydney; Eastern, s, for Hongkong.

ROCKHAMPTON (920m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Komura, s, from Brisbane.

KEPPEL BAY (877m).—Dep: Oct. 1, Buninyong, s, for Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH (680m).—Dep: Oct. 1, Konoowarra, s, for Townsville.

BRISBANE (500m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Wodonga, s, Meissen, s, and Burwah, s, all from Sydney; Hymettus, s, from Gladstone; Maranoa, s, from Townsville; Indralema, s, from New Zealand; Tinana, s, from Bundaberg. Dep: Oct. 1, Kadina, s, for Cairns.

BYRON BAY (345m).—Dep: Oct. 1, Rocklily, s, early, for Richmond River.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (321m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Rocklily, s, at 11.50 a.m., from Brisbane; Ramornie, s, at 12.5 p.m., from Sydney; Mokau, s, harbound. Passed: Oct. 1, Duranbah, s, at 5.20 p.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS (298m).—Arr: Sept. 30, Noorebar, s, at 9.45 p.m.; Oct. 1, Kallatina, s, at 12.40 p.m., both from Sydney. Passed: Oct. 1, a large steamer, with yellow funnel, at 2.15 p.m., south.

WOOLGOOLGA (256m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Cooloon, s, at 6 p.m., from Sydney.

SOUTH SOLITARY ISLAND (250m).—Passed: Oct. 1, a steamer, with black funnel, red band, at noon, north; Bombala, s, at 12.30 p.m., south.

BELLINGER (230m).—Dep: Oct. 1, Uralla, s, at 12.15 p.m., for Sydney.

MACLEAY RIVER (209m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Rosedale, s, at 12.40 p.m., from Sydney; Roselle, ktch, and Zelma, ktch, at anchor in bay.

TACKING POINT (169m).—Passed: Oct. 1, Orara, s, at 4 p.m., Fiona, s, at 4.25 p.m., both north.

CROWDY HEADS (147m).—Passed: Oct. 1, Dureby, s, at noon, south.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Dep: Oct. 1, Narooma, s, at noon. Burrawong, s, at 12.15 p.m., both for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE (123m).—Oct 1, Premier, ktch, and Alpha, ktch, anchored in bay, at 3 p.m. Dep: Oct. 1, Tuncurry, s, early, Myee, s, at 6 a.m., St. George, s, at 7 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS (109m).—Oct. 1, Myee, s, anchored in bay at 9.35 a.m. Passed: Oct. 1, Kyogle, s, at 8.45 a.m., Elgin, s, proceeding to Newcastle short of coal, burning cargo of timber, at 12.30 p.m., Time, s, at 2.40 p.m., Kincumber, s, at 2.50 p.m., Astral, s, Friendship, s, and Myee, s, at 3.45 p.m., Burrawong, s, at 4.15 p.m., Allinga, s, at 4.30 p.m., all south.

PORT STEPHENS (85m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Stormking, s, at 9.20 a.m., from Newcastle; Our Jack, s, Williams, s, Dauntless, s, Annie, s, and a ktch, anchored in Nelson's Bay at 8.20 a.m. Passed: Oct. 1, a str like Wandra at 5.45 p.m., north; a str like Cavanba at 8.40 a.m., Brundah, s, at 1.45 p.m., Our Jack, s, at 3.50 p.m., Allinga, s, at 4 p.m., all south.

NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Willesden, s, from Port Pirie; Orara, s, Namoi, s, Our Elsie, s, Duckenfield, s, Helen Nicoll, s, Derwent, s, Alier, s, Queen Bee, s, Murray, s, Southern Cross, bqtne, all from Sydney; New Guinea, s, from Melbourne; Hawk, s, Stormking, s, both from Port Stephens. Dep: Oct. 1, Lord Sefton, s, Hunter, s, Tottenham, s, Wallsend, s, Macleay, s, Moeraki, s, Hastings, s, Our Elsie, s, all for Sydney; Fiona, s, for Fiji; Tamoe, s, for Coronel; Orara, s, for Byron Bay; Stormking, s, for Port Stephens.

BARRENJOEY (10½m).—Oct. 1, Harold, ktch, at anchor.

SOUTH HEAD (4m).—Passed: Oct. 1, Tottenham, s, at 3.57 p.m., south.

WOLLONGONG (44m).—Dep: Oct. 1, Mount Kembla, s, at 3 p.m., for Sydney; Kurrara, s, at 4.30 p.m., for Port Kembla (for shelter).

KIAMA (59m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Kiama, s, at 3.15 p.m., from Newcastle, via Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Peterborough, s, at 2.25 p.m., from Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87m).—Passed: Oct. 1, Alabama, s, at 9.30 a.m., south.

MORUYA HEADS (141m).—Passed: Oct. 1, a str like Wakatipu at 11.30 a.m., south.

EDEN (210m).—Oct. 1, Sydney, s, from Sydney, sheltering in the bay at 7 a.m., left at 11.15 a.m. for Melbourne, and returned for shelter at 2 p.m.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: Oct. 1, Tarcoola, s, at 8.50 a.m., north.

GABO (228m).—Passed: Oct. 1, Yawata Maru, J.M.S., at 4 p.m., Peregrine, s, at 5.5 p.m., both north; Gabo, s, at 3.15 p.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426m).—Passed inward: Oct. 1, Saidee, at 12.10 p.m.; Changsha, s, at 12.30 p.m.; Aramac, s, at 6.45 p.m. Passed outward: Oct. 1, Peregrine, s, at 2.30 p.m.; a steamer, supposed to be the Age, at 3.40 p.m.; Orient, R.M.S., at 9.50 a.m.

MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Wairuna, s, from Westport, N.Z.; Melbourne, s, from Kaipara, N.Z.; Cufic, s, from Liverpool; Natal Queen, bq, from Port Huon (Tas.); Oonah, s, from Burnie (Tas.); Furth, s, from Hamburg; Star of Scotland, s, from New York; Clan Mathieson, s, for Sydney.

BURNIE (519m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Karitane, s, at 1.45 p.m., from Sydney.

STANLEY (530m).—Dep: Oct. 1, Glaucus, s, at 1.5 p.m., for Devonport.

HOBART (648m).—Dep: Oct. 1, Athenic, s, at 5.45 a.m., for New Zealand.

ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Marere, s, Patroclus, s, Somerset, s, and Victoria, R.M.S., all from the eastern States. Dep: Oct. 1, Earl of Carrick, s, for Newcastle; Victoria, R.M.S., for London; Narrung, s, Yangtsze, s, Monara, s, and Grantala, s, all for the eastern States; Kooyong, s, for Newcastle; Zephyr, bqtn, for Hobart.

ALBANY (2100m).—Arr: Sept. 30, Hobart, s, at 7.29 p.m., from the eastern States. Oct. 1, King Robert, s, at 8.50 a.m., from Norfolk, U.S.A. Dep: Oct. 1, Hobart, s, at 2.15 a.m., for Fremantle. Passed: Oct. 1, Australic, s, west. The Australic signalled "Met very bad weather."

FREMANTLE (2660m).—Arr: Oct. 1, Kyarra, s, at 4.30 p.m., from the eastern States.

FIJI SHIPPING.

SUVA, Thursday.

The torpedo storeship Solace having provisioned the U.S.A. cruiser squadron at Pago Pago, Samoa, arrived here to-day. The Strathyre coaled the cruisers, and sailed on September 30.

The Solace will take the Samoan passengers by the wrecked steamer Aeon to-morrow, and will rejoin the fleet at Honolulu.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

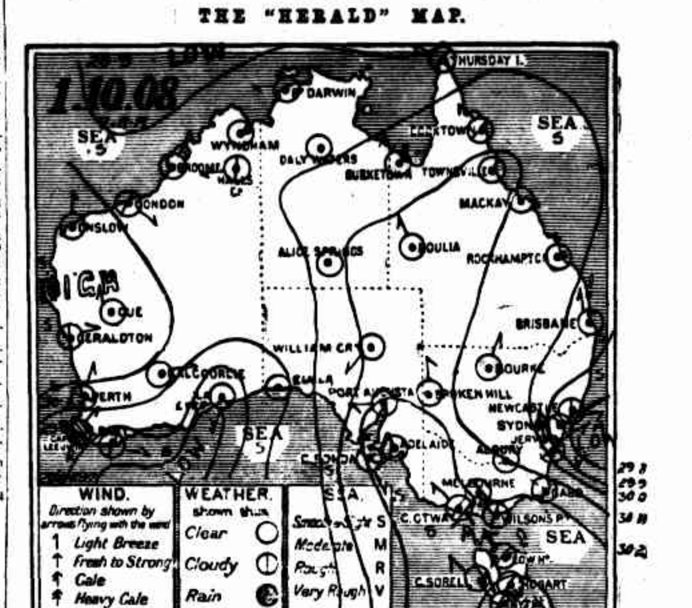
South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 8 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands and New Hebrides, via Newcastle.—R.M.S. Malaita, 8 a.m.
Eden.—Tathra, 9 a.m.
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, Singapore, and Penang, via Adelaide.—Goslar, 5.30 p.m.
Valparaiso, via Newcastle.—Tymeric, 6.30 p.m.
Manning River.—Burrawong, 4 p.m.
Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Macleay River, Port Macquarie, Byron Bay, and Coff's Harbour, via Newcastle.—Cavanba, noon.
Wellington, etc, N.Z. (direct).—Moeraki, noon.
Mone Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Ionic, noon.
Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawk, 1 p.m.
Nauru, via Ocean Island (direct).—Sildra, 2 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Nerong, 4 p.m.
Richmond River.—Brundah, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Oonah, 9.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Sydney, 9.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



The low pressure which has been over the Tasman Sea for the past day or two has intensified on our South Coast, and is resulting in very strong winds and high seas there. The anticyclone has made little or no easterly movement, and is gradually losing in barometric value. The Antarctic disturbance is still on the south coast of Western Australia.

Ocean Forecast.—Weather still squally and rough between Hobart and Sydney, and eastward towards New Zealand. Fresh, squally winds, and rough seas also developing over the Western Bight.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Thursday.

Sydney rainfall, average for 49 years, 48.325 inches. Average for 50 years from January 1st to September 30th, 4165 points.

Total rainfall from January 1st, 1908, to date, 4214 points.

Total for corresponding period of previous year, 2752 points.

Temperature: 9 a.m., 53.1; 3 p.m., 56.6; maximum, 57.4; minimum, 47.

Barometer: At 9 a.m., 29.834; 3 p.m., 29.796.

Humidity: At 9 a.m., 64; at 3 p.m., 52.

Winds: Greatest velocity, 52.5 miles from the south-west at 3.41 p.m.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Araluen 7 points, Armidale 3, Blackheath 12, Bowral 20, Braidwood 12, Burrowa 7, Byron Bay 15, Camden Haven 25, Cape Hawke 35, Carcoar 11, Casino 12, Cassilis 3, Clarence Heads 17, Cooma 8, Crookhaven 8, Cudal 5, Emmaville 5, Gloucester 12, Goulburn 10, Gulgong 6, Inverell 1, Jerry's Plains 3, Jervis Bay 76, Kiama 84, Kurrajong 5, Lawson 12, Lismore 7, Manilla 7, Manning Heads 15, Merriwa 9, Moss Vale 12, Murrurundi 33, Nambucca 3, Newcastle 30, Nundle 6, Orange 10, Parramatta 6, Port Macquarie 3, Port Stephens 31, Quirindi 1, Raymond Terrace 30, Seal Rocks 85, Springwood 18, Sutton Forest 25, Sydney 21, Tabulam 15, Tamworth 3, Taralga 15, Taree 10, Tenterfield 5, Tweed Heads 3, Ulladulla 2, Walcha 5, Wollongong 30, Yass 2.

Additional reports at 6 p.m.:—Bombala 22 points, Delegate 25, Gabo 60, Sydney (to 9 p.m.) 23.

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

N. S. Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Light to moderate rain recorded on coast and highlands.

Victoria.—Light to heavy recorded in south-east; very light and scattered on eastern ranges and on the south-west coast.

South Australia.—No rain recorded.

W. Australia.—Light to moderate recorded throughout the south-west.

Queensland.—One point at Southport was the only rain reported.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy to threatening on the southern and central coast and tablelands, and showery at one or two places on south coast; fine and clear west of the mountains.

Victoria.—Cloudy and showery in south-east and extreme east; also few showers on east ranges and extreme south-west; fine elsewhere.

S. Australia.—Cloudy in the extreme south-east; fine, clear, and pleasant elsewhere.

W. Australia.—Fine but cloudy throughout south-west, south, and in tropics; fine with scattered clouds on goldfields.

Queensland.—Fine but cloudy in extreme north, otherwise fine and clear, cool generally.

Tasmania.—Generally fine.

TEMPERATURES.

Perth (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.), max. 67, min. 55; Adelaide, max. 63, min. 42; Melbourne, max. 46, min. 44; Brisbane, max. 71, min. 44; Sydney, max. 54, min. 47; Hobart, max. 55, min. 42.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30.07; Geraldton, 30.04; Perth, 29.99; Esperance Bay, 29.86; Eucla, 29.81; Streaky Bay, 30.12; Adelaide, 30.22; Robe, 30.23; Portland, 30.23; Melbourne, 30.18; Wilson's Promontory, 29.26; Cape St. George, 29.81; Newcastle, 29.93; Port Macquarie, 29.94; Clarence Heads, 29.92; Brisbane, 29.98; Rockhampton, 30.06; Mackay, 30.07; Cooktown, 30.04.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on Thursday were as follow:—Albury, 6ft 6in; Balranald, 10ft 10in; Bingara, 1ft 6in; Boggabilla, 1ft 9in, f; Booligal, 8ft 9in, r; Bourke, 12ft 3in, r; Brewarrina, 15ft 10in; Collarenebri, 1ft 6in; Condobolin, 4ft 7in, f; Deniliquin, 7ft 6in; Dubbo, l; Euabalong, 12ft 7in; Euston, 16ft 9in; Goodooga, l; Gundagai, 5ft 6in; Gunnedah, l; Hay, 10ft 8in; Hillston, 7ft 4in, f; Kunopia, l; Louth, 12ft 8in, r; Manilla, l; Menindie, 6ft 5in; Moama, 21ft 9in; Mogil Mogil, 2ft 9in, f; Moulamein, 6ft 9in; Mungindi, 7ft 8in, f; Narrandera, 12ft 6in; Pooncarie, 8ft 10in; Tilpa, 16ft, r; Tocumwal, 10ft 2in; Wagga Wagga, 7ft 6in; Wentworth, 11ft 1in; Wilcannia, 7ft, r; Yetman, l; Barwon River, at Walgett, 19ft 6in, f; Namoi River, at Walgett, 11ft 9in, f.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling; l, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, W, light, fine, sea moderate; Byron Bay, W, light, fine, sea moderate; Ballina, SW, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, NW, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, NE, fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, ENE, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, SW, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, NW, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Stephens, S, strong, cloudy, sea rough; Newcastle, W, moderate gale, thick raining, sea heavy; Lake Macquarie Heads, SW, fresh, raining, sea heavy; Catherine Hill Bay, SW, fresh, raining, sea heavy; Barranjoey, SW, strong, raining, sea moderate; South Head, WSW, strong, thick rain, sea heavy, SE swell; Wollongong, SW, strong, squally, showery, sea heavy; Kiama, SW, gale, thick, raining, sea rough and rising; Crookhaven Heads, WSW, strong, thick, raining, sea heavy; Jervis Bay, SW, strong, gale, squally, thick, showery, sea high; Moruya, SW, moderate gale, showery, sea high.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Still unsettled, squally, and showery on the coast, but more particularly in the south; strong southerly winds and rough sea on the south coast; fine inland.

Western Australia.—Showers on and near coast from Fremantle to the Bight, fine, but cloudy otherwise; south-westerly and southerly winds, fresh and squally on the south coast.

South Australia.—For the present fine, with easterly to northerly winds, but unsettled weather, with rain possible, thunder developing to the north-west and west, and gradually extending eastward.

Queensland.—Fine throughout, but still cloudy on north-east coast and Peninsula, with possibly some isolated showers there; southerly and south-westerly winds.

Victoria.—Cloudy, unsettled, and showery in the eastern districts, otherwise fine, with areas of cloud along the southern coastline; southerly to easterly winds.

Tasmania.—Showers in the southern and eastern districts, otherwise fine with scattered cloud; south-easterly winds blowing and squally on the eastern coast.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR OCTOBER 2.

Sun rises 5.32, sets 5.58; Moon, 9.54 a.m.; Mercury, 6.31 a.m., 7.59 p.m.; Venus, 3.30 a.m., 2.21 p.m.; Mars, 5.1 a.m., 4.51 p.m.; Jupiter, 4.5 a.m., 3.13 p.m.; Saturn, 5.37 p.m., 5.47 a.m.

Full Moon, October 10, at 7.3 a.m.

High water at Fort Denison, 12.9 a.m., and 12.42 p.m.

LATE MINING.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVIDENDS.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Thursday.

Dividends amounting to £1,105,158 were paid by Western Australian gold-mining companies for the first nine months of the current year. The contributors to the total were:—Great Boulder Proprietary, £196,875; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £190,000; Golden Horseshoe, £165,000; Kalgurli, £125,000; Great Fingall, £100,000; Associated Northern, £61,920; Sons of Gwalia, £44,000; Great Boulder Perseverance, £35,000; Black Range, £26,280; Golden Ridge, £16,995; Gwalia South, £12,500; Oroya Brown Hill, £11,250; Oroya Black Range, £10,000; South Kalgurli, £5000; Cumberland, £4000; Havilah, £3156.

The dividends so far declared for October are as follows:—Kalgurli, £37,500; Great Fingall, £31,250; Mararoa, £5000; Ivanhoe, £50,000; and Black Range, £2719.

A DOG IN EVIDENCE.

ROBBERY FROM A HUT.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

A little lame dog was an important piece of evidence in a charge of larceny investigated at the local police court by Mr. W. Burton Smith, P.M. Richard Andrew Horne was charged with stealing 16s 6d, the property of See Lee and Co., Chinese gardeners, and the evidence for the police was to the effect that upon the Chinese returning to their hut in the evening after working in the garden all the afternoon they found the dog in the hut and the money gone. On this particular afternoon the defendant, accompanied by the dog, was seen going in the direction of the Chinese garden by Mrs. Poole and her son. The police took possession of the dog, which died, however, and the body was preserved for identification by the witnesses at the court. The defendant gave evidence that he was in the town all the afternoon, and he was supported by several witnesses. The P.M. found that defendant was guilty, and in consideration of his previous good character fined him £5, to be paid in instalments of £1 a month.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CHALLENGE SHIELD.

STRUGGLE FOR ITS RETENTION.

ORANGE DEFEATS BATHURST.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The Public school cadets of Orange and Bathurst are engaged in a contest which is creating considerable interest in those towns. About 1898 a Challenge Shield was presented for competition between Public school cadets, one of the conditions being that it was to be permanently retained by any school who won it three times in succession. This condition was subsequently altered so that it was to be shot for until a certain number of medallions on the shield had been filled up. It was won first by the Sydney High School, and subsequently by Orange nine times, and by Bathurst seven. The Minister for Public Instruction being of opinion that the Bathurst cadets might have some claim to retain permanent possession of the shield, which they had been the last to win, directed that Orange and Bathurst should shoot off for it, the first contest taking place at Bathurst, and the second at Orange, and a third, if either team did not win it twice in succession, on a neutral range. The first match was fired to-day, and was won by Orange.

The weather was cold and bleak, and unfavourable for the rifle. The conditions were 10 shots at 200 and 300 yards. Results:—

Orange.—Sgt. Jones, 42, 26—68; Lance-Cpl. Sloane, 40, 24—64; Cdt. Davidson, 39, 30—69; Cdt. Swain, 38, 34—72; Cpl. Hill, 38, 29—67; Cpl. Perry, 37, 38—75; Cdt. Plowman, 34, 26—60; Sgt. Stamford, 34, 24—58; L.-Cpl. Hicks, 30, 22—52; C.-Sgt. Ford, 29, 27—56. Total, 631.

Bathurst Cadets.—T. Patterson, 27, 20—47; Cpl. Rowlands, 40, 27—67; Cpl. Josephson, 37, 26—63; Sgt. Brigby, 38, 20—58; Cdt. L. Beavis, 44, 29—73; Cdt. H. Bullock, 37, 25—62; Sgt. G. Innes, 38, 25—63; Sgt. S. Vivian, 39, 34—73; L.-Cpl. Hewish, 31, 21—52; Cdt. R. Rowlands, 20, 28—57. Total, 615.

AMUSEMENTS.

MR. PHILIP NEWBURY'S CONCERT.

An operatic and ballad concert, at an unusually low tariff considering the artistic strength of the new combination formed for it, will be given at the Town Hall this evening by Mr. Philip Newbury. The tenor, whose appearance at the Masonic concert on Wednesday proved him in splendid voice, will sing the beautiful Racconta from "La Boheme," Canio's soliloquy from "I Pagliacci," and with Mme. Slapoffski the "Miserere" scena from "Il Trovatore." Mme. Slapoffski will herself sing numbers from "Trovatore" and the "Bohemian Girl;" and others appearing will be Miss Emilee Fenn (contralto), Messrs. Henri Staell, R. L. Nield, and Mr. Sydney Scott, the visiting organist from England. Miss Lily Delany and Mr. Sykes will be the accompanists.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

No great activity was displayed on 'Change yesterday, prices, however, ruling firm. Castlemaine and Wood Bros.' Brewery shares rose /1½, Tooth's Brewery /6, and H. McKenzie, preferred, /6, other sales being at practically unchanged rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Queensland Government 3½ per cent. debentures, 1951, £98/10/; Western Australian Bank, £30; H. McKenzie and Co., pref., 21/6 net; Tooth and Co., 42/6. Afternoon: Colonial Sugar (old), ex rights, £43/5/; Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Bros., 11/4½.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
STOCK.							
N.S.W. F.S.	..	..	3	85/10/	85	86	3½
due 1912	..	..	3½	99½	98	..	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	4	101	100½	..	3½
Do., due 1915	..	..	3½	99½	99	..	3½
Do., due 1921	..	..	3½	99/5/	99	99½	3½
Do., due 1924-5	..	..	3	..	90	..	..
Do., due 1909	..	..	4	100	100	..	4
Do., Act 1873	..	..	4	107/10/	106	110	3½
Do., Deb., 1908	..	..	4	..	100	..	4
Ditto, T. Bills, 1908	..	..	3½	100	99	..	3½
Ditto	..	..	4	100½	100	..	3½
N.Z. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101 / 101/10/	100½	102	3½
Ditto, 1923	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Queens. Deb., 1912	..	..	4	101/10/	..	..	3½
Ditto, Tr. Bills	..	..	4	101	100½	..	3½
W.A. Insc.	..	..	4	101	100½	..	3½
Ditto, 1902	..	..	3½	..	..	..	..
Australian Gas Deb., 1922	..	..	4	102	101	103	3½
City Syd., Deb.	..	..	4	103	102	..	3½
Col. Sug., D., 1914	..	..	5	108	107	111	4½
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	167	166	..	5½
City	10	8	3	78/6	..	82/	7½
Ditto, new	10	8	3	65/	..	..	..
Com. Sydney	25	12½	10	27/12/6	27½	27½	4½
Com. Syd (new)	25	12½	..	27/7/6	27½	27½	..
Commercial of Australia	10/	10/	..	10/	..	..	..
Do., pref.	10	10	3	5/12/	..	..	..
N.S.W.	20	20	10	46/15/	46½	46½	4½
N. Zealand	6⅔	3⅓	10	8/15/	8½	8⅝	4½
N. Queensland	7	2	4	33/6	35/	..	4½
National of Australasia	8	5	5	96/	95/6	97/	5¼
Do., pref.	10	10	5	22/6	20/	..	..
Q'land National	5	3	..	..	..	..	7
Royal of Q.	9	6½	4½	4/17/	61½	62	5½
Union	75	25	14	61/10/3	..	..	5½
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank—Class B	..	..	3	11/9	11/6	12/	4½
Class B, 1912	..	..	3	15/	12/	13/3	..
Class B., 1917	..	..	3	10/3	10/	..	5½
Ditto, Insc.	..	..	3½	10/6	..	..	..
Com. of Aus., Assets	..	..	3	17/6	17/6	..	3½
E. S. & A. Deb.	..	..	4	18/2	18/	18/6	..
Ditto, pref.	..	..	3	12/2	12/	..	4½
Ditto, def.	..	..	4½	18/2	18/	18/6	4½
Q. Nat.**	..	..	3½	17/1½	16/6	17/	—
STEAM.							
Balmain Ferry	1	1	10	37/3	37/	38/	5½
Howard Smith	1	1	15	42/	41/6	42/	7
Ditto	1	5/	15	18/	24	..	..
Pref.	1	1	5	20/6	20/6	..	4½
Ditto	1	5/	5	5/	5/	..	5
Illawarra	1	15/	7	18/	17/9	18/9	5½
Newcastle	1	1	6	25/3	..	25/3	4½
North Coast	1	17/6	8	25/	24/9	25/3	6½
Port Jackson	1	15/	8	32/	28/6	31/	3½
Syd. Ferries	1	1	10	53/	52/6	53/6	3½
Ditto, new	1	10/	10	43/	..	..	2½
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15/	14½	44/	43/6	—	5
Col. Mut. Fire	1	1	20½	53/9	56/6	..	7½
Mer. Mut.	1	8	14½	18/	17/	18/	4½
New Zealand	10	2	15	75/	72/6	76/	8
Queensland	1	10/	8	17/6	17/	19/	4½
United	10	2½	12½	5/12/6	5½	5⅝	5½
COAL.							
Bellambi	1	1	17½	50/6	49/6	50/6	7
East Greta	1	1	10	28/3	27/9	28/6	7
Heddon Greta	1	1	..	5/	5/	7/6	..
Hetton	5	5	6	62/	61/	63/	9½
Metrop. ord.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	8	20/	20/	..	..
Ditto, pref., 2	1	1	10	15/6	13/	..	..
Mt. Kembla	10	10	..	24	..	..	..
Newcastle	11	10	5	6/10/	6½	6¾	7½
North Bulli	1	1	10	31/6	31/3	33/	6½
South Greta	10/	10/	..	13/9	13/	..	..
Stockton	1	1	..	5/	2/6	4/	..
Ditto, new	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Vale of Clwydd	1	1	10	33/6	..	28/6	4½
Wallsend	10	10	20/	27/0/0	26½	26½	7½
Waratah	6	..	..	..	1/6	..	..
Wickham and Bullock Is.	1	20	..	7/9	6/	—	..
Ditto, new	1	18/	..	4/6	4/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	24/	21/	24/	..
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/6	21/	..	5½
Australian	8	6	15	19/10/	19½	19¾	4½
Ditto, new	6	3	15	12	11⅞	12⅛	3½
Char. Towers	10/	10/	10/	14/9	..	..	6½
Goulburn	1	1	8	31/	57/	..	5½
Grafton	1	1	8	33/	31/	33/	5
Katoomba and Leura	1	1	..	21/	19/	23/	..
Maitland	5	5	7	..	7½	..	5½
Manly	1	1	9	40/	40/	43/	4½
Ditto, new	1	5/	9	..	..	..	..
Mudgee	1	1	7	24/	23/6	..	6½
Newcastle	2	2	15	6½	6½	6⅝	4½
North Shore	1	1	8	42/	42/6	..	3½
BREWERIES.							
C. and Wood Bros.	1	1	4	11/4½	11/3	11/6	7
Perkins'	15/	15/	20	39/	37/6	39/	8
Toohey's	16/	16/	5	14/	13/6	14/6	7½
Tooth's	1	1	10	42/6	42/3	43/	4½
MISCEL'NES.							
Aurora'	15/	10/	5	8/6	8/6	..	14½
A. Taylor, Co.	1	1	10	24/9	24/	25/	8
Aus. Hat Mills	1	1	..	..	24/	..	..
Aus. News	1	1	..	14/	12/	14/	..
B. H. W. Sup.	15/	15/	10	22/9	22/9	..	6½
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	42/	41/6	42/	4½
Do., New Issue	1	10/	10	20/9	20/9	..	4½
Col. Sugar	20	20	10	43/5/	43	43¼	..
Dalgety and Co.	20	5	7	6½	6	6½	5½
Dunlop Pneu. Tire, pref.	1	1	7	31/	..	..	4½
Fmu R. Rail	1	1	..	4/10½	..	..	..
Ditto pref., B	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Emu and Pros. Gravel	1	10/	6½	12/	11/9	..	..
F. Food, Ice	12/	10/	8	11/9	11/6	11/9	6½
Goodlet and Smith	15/	15/	8	16/6½	16/6	16/9	7½
H. Mackenzie, ord.	1	1	7	22/	17/6	21/	6½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	21/6	21/6	..	9½
Hotel Metropole	..	20	8	25/	24/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	10/	15/	..	..	..	..
Marcus Clark, ord.	1	1	7/	20/9	20/6	21/	7½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10	9½	10⅛	6
Melb. Tram	1	10	..	38/3	37/9	39/	..
Mont de Piete	1	1	10	28/	37/6	38/6	5½
Mort's Dock	1	1	6	20/	..	20/3	6
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	22/6	21/	25/	..
Paul and Gray	1	1	17½	30/	30/	30/6	11⅝
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	5/6	5/	5/6	4½
Perp. Trust	10	5	10	11/	10/6	11/	4½
Q'sland Meat Ex. and Agy.	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Richardson and Wrench	1	1	5	13/9	13/6	..	7½
E. Rich and Co.	1	1	5	14/6	..	15/3	6½
Silv. Trams	1	1	40	87/	87/	..	9½
‡‡ Syd. Cyclorama	1	1	5	15/6	15/	18/	6½
Syd. Exch.	10	10	6	12	11½	..	5
Syd. Hyd.	1	1	10	21/	..	21/	6½
Ditto, con.	1	10/	10	15/	14/6	15/6	6½
Syd. Hyd. and G. E.	1	15/	15	26/6	26/	27/6	8½
W. H. Soul, Patt and Co.	1	1	10	46/	44/6	..	4½
LAND and BD.							
Com. B. and I.	10	10	..	2/6	..	2/6	..
Ind. Prov.	10	20	6	19	..	..	6½
Interc. Inv.	1	15/	12½	28/	27/6	28/	6½
Newc. B and L.	..	..	6	..	..	..	..
Syd. Free. L.	..	6/7	20	3/	..	..	..

† Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. ‡‡ Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. § Call paid. r. Ex rights. Z. London delivery. M. 6 months.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Quotations:—Carmichael, paid, b 20/9, s 21/9.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Queensland Trustee, b 6/2; Queensland National Bank Inscribed Stock, b 16/5, s 16/9; forward, b 16/6½, s 16/9.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 4 per cent., 1921, £103; ditto 3½ per cent., 1941, £100/5/; ditto 4½ per cent. Treasury Bonds, £99/15/; Metropolitan Gas, £10/7/; Howard Smith (20/ paid), 41/6; Kauri Timber, 14/.

FINANCIAL.

THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S DUTIES.

When the Auditor-General's report was first issued we noted that it was couched in such a tone of candour that could scarcely be acceptable to Ministers. Not only did Mr. Vernon deal with the accounts in the ordinary way as an auditor whose duty it was to vouch for the accuracy of the figures placed before him for revision, but he also drew attention to several department delinquencies in a way that has evidently caused some heart-burning. Now the question arises, what are the duties of an Auditor-General? Is he to confine himself strictly to the ascertainment of the accuracy of the additions and subtractions of certain columns of figures to the discovery, if possible, of misappropriations of Government funds, or should he go further and inform the public of any variations of strict business principles that he, with an inside knowledge of the facts, is able to discover? The Auditor-General is placed by Parliament in a position of independence. He is no mere official, whose retention of office depends upon his subservience to the wishes of those in power, to their whims or fancies. He is a watchdog of the public—a check for them rather than a plaything of Ministers. To compare the Auditor-General with an auditor of a mere company is an attempt to compare the incomparable. The public has a right to look for more from an Auditor-General than shareholders would look for from an auditor. He, outside of officialdom, is alone in a position to criticise with inside information as to the whole of the facts. It may not always follow that the criticism of the Auditor-General is just, or that his suggestions should be slavishly followed. But that such criticisms are in the public interest and that it is equally beneficial that suggestions should be made can scarcely be doubted. At any rate, this much can be said with perfect confidence, that as far as the financial and commercial interests of the State are concerned they would prefer at all times an Auditor-General who will speak with candour what he thinks than one who is a mere reflex of those who occupy the Ministerial benches.

SOME OF HIS CRITICISMS.

Mr. Vernon has been brought to book for daring to suggest that the form of the cash account of the consolidated revenue fund should be amended. We do not know whether the Auditor-General's suggestion is the best that could be devised, or even that it is entirely free from faults; but this can be said without any hesitation, that the form as at present in use does not come up to a fair standard of intelligibility. This being so, any attempt to improve it should be welcomed, instead of being regarded as an overstepping of the strict bounds of duty. In suggesting that the whole of the proceeds of the sale of Crown lands should in future go to swell the public works fund, the Auditor-General has merely made a comment that no one with any knowledge of finance could refrain from, and even though it may be "gratuitous advice to the responsible Ministers of the Crown," it is nevertheless sound advice that they would do well to heed. His drawing attention to certain irregularities in the Savings Bank, in which a very small amount indeed was involved, does this, if nothing more—it makes the public feel that if small things are not being overlooked larger things are not likely to escape attention. His discovery that certain documents in connection with the capital account of the Harbour Trust were missing pointed to a laxity somewhere that should not have existed.

THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S WARNING.

One of the most valuable sections of the Auditor-General's report, however, was that in which he pointed out in unmistakable terms the tendency towards increased expenditure, as the result of the overflowing Treasury, the result of the last few good years. He pointed out the danger of "overstepping the bounds of safety." Here, again, Mr. Vernon has merely reiterated what has for some time been in the minds of all financial men. They have witnessed State expenditure growing year after year, despite the relief afforded by the Commonwealth having taken over so many departments and they have known well enough that this was due to the fact that the State has had the money in its pocket, where it has tended to burn the usual hole. This part of the Auditor-General's report should meet with very serious consideration before the day arrives when with lessened revenue the Government may find that, whether it likes it or not, it will have to tighten its purse-strings. How advice of this sort can be regarded as excess of duty it is difficult to see. It is certainly advice given in the public interest. Then, again, the Auditor-General has suggested that Parliamentary authority should have been obtained to enable the Government to wipe out the old deficiency account, which still stands a blot on the Government accounts. Now this is a matter on which there may be some legitimate differences of opinion. But the advice errs, if it errs at all, on the side of sound conservatism. The Auditor-General has this year, as last, had something to say on the subject of the association of State and Federal finance. Here again his criticism may not meet with general approval, but it is at least fair criticism. It does not consist of hastily thought-out remarks merely calculated to embarrass the Government in its attempts to bring about a settlement, but bears all the impress of careful study and preparation. If Mr. Vernon has added anything at all towards throwing new light upon this intricate subject, his work will not have been in vain. An Auditor-General who allowed himself to be a mere puppet in the hands of those in office would not be the sort of officer that the public at large would care to see in the position. Independence should be his strong point. Whether his words carry weight rests with Parliament and the public, but let us have the facts, and a frank and fearless opinion as to what those facts imply.

CUSTOMS REFUNDS.

Mr. Frederick C. Dunlop writes:—

The interpretation of section 167, Federal Customs Act, is that all amounts deposited under the section, accompanied by forms as provided by regulation, can only be refunded when the items under any draft tariff are not confirmed by Parliament. Under this section, Customs and importers agree to deposit the amount to a stake, the Collector as a stakeholder, and not to be paid to his Majesty. As section of the tariff, 1907, was not intended to close transactions that had properly been left open, also amounts under the above section are paid under duress, I pointed out in your journal prior to the new tariff the proper procedure. Had it been done, redress could have been made. It is not too late now for the importers to be allowed the refunds. In support of my contention, refer your readers to the case Alexander Cowan and Sons, Ltd., v Nicholas Lockyer, then Collector of Customs, Sydney, reported in the Commonwealth Law reports, vol. 1., 1903-4, folios 460-469. It appears certain machines, which were free under the State law prior to federation, were imported by the plaintiffs. The draft tariff provided rate of duty 25 per cent. Messrs. Cowan and Sons, Ltd., deposited an amount of £132 odd, December 23, 1901. Customs tariff was assented (September 16, 1902). Machines of same description imported were decided free by Parliament January 28, 1902. The department on demand refused to refund the amount deposited, hence the plaintiffs successfully appealed to the High Court, which carried costs, with 5 per cent. interest added.

THE STATE FINANCES.

The following tables show that whereas the revenue of the State has shrunk £110,837 during the first quarter of the year, expenditure in the same period is £205,658 larger, or a total falling-off of £316,495 for the period:—

Diminishing Revenue. First Quarter.

From	1907-8. £	1908-9. £	Movement. £
Commonwealth	980,208	879,650	100,558 Dec.
Stamps	179,819	134,710	45,109 Dec.
Land Tax	3,539	1,536	2,002 Dec.
Income Tax	24,574	23,140	1,433 Dec.
Land Revenue	390,755	429,067	39,312 Inc.
Railways	1,126,215	1,173,799	47,584 Inc.
Tramways	231,451	248,648	17,196 Inc.
Harbour Trust	78,139	82,365	4,225 Inc.
Water and Sewerage	92,616	66,322	26,294 Dec.
Total	3,252,521	3,141,684	110,837 Dec.

It will be seen that as far as revenue is concerned the business undertakings of the State, generally, stand well, and other sources badly. On the side of expenditure it will be noted that there have been increases under most heads:—

INCREASING EXPENDITURE. 1st Quarter.

	1907-08.	1908-09.	Movement.
Chief Secretary	£232,003	£214,997	£27,006 dec.
Treasurer	138,241	171,468	33,227 inc.
Attorney-General	81,432	103,764	22,332 inc.
Lands	78,318	87,559	9,241 inc.
Works	261,339	171,909	89,430 dec.
Public Instruction	251,108	283,591	32,483 inc.
Mines	40,564	15,624	7,081 inc.
Agriculture		32,021	
Railways	697,814	790,026	92,212 inc.
Tramways	134,004	141,675	7,671 inc.
Harbour Trust	24,546	26,603	2,057 inc.
Water and Sewerage	36,244	38,915	2,671 inc.
Reduction of debt	137,500	137,500	—
Interest on debt	979,300	1,014,893	35,033 inc.
Total	£3,265,225	3,470,893	205,658 inc.

NORTH-WESTERN MAIL.

The president of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, Mr. G. S. Littlejohn, has addressed a letter of protest to the Chief Commissioner of Railways against the decision to alter the time of the departure of the north-west mail. The communication may be summarised thus:—

1. Modern business methods necessitate the closest economy of time. It is to be regretted, therefore, that the Commissioners should decline to recognise the truth already set prominently before them, that the proposed alteration will entail a direct loss of 24 hours in a very large number of transactions with the North-west, and will, in fact, be the equivalent of putting back the hands of the clock to that extent. Banking business will be retarded by reason of the fact that the daily clearing-house returns cannot be made available in time to catch a mail closing at 1.30 or 2 p.m. Particulars of clearances for this part of the country will, therefore, require to remain in Sydney overnight. Further, cheques received from the North-west cannot be forwarded back the same day for collection at the country banks, but must be in Sydney for a period of 24 hours.

2. Much business correspondence will suffer to the same extent, for it is a sound business practice to postpone until the close of the day the preparation of the letters embodying the particulars of the day's dealings. This is of paramount importance to those interested in the trade in stock, wool, and other produce. Country producers will suffer most by being kept waiting for information several hours longer than necessary.

3. The same amount of delay will be experienced in the forwarding of mail parcels, for, owing to the essentials of packing, it will be impossible to execute such orders on the same day on which they are received.

4. The whole of the North-west will daily lose the commercial correspondence and the evening newspapers of the day.

5. When country visitors visit the city they find it most convenient to have the whole day available for business or pleasure, and to leave at the close of the day on the return journey. This applies likewise to commercial travellers and others leaving the city for the country.

6. The cry of city versus country has been unfairly raised. It is most clearly a question of general commercial interest, appealing against the proposed waste and non-utilisation of valuable time.

7. It is believed and reported that the Postal Department is strongly opposed to the alteration. In the public interest the views of this important service might be made known.

8. It is hoped that the Commissioners will recognise the importance of listening to the widespread criticism which has been vigorously put forward.

COMMONWEALTH TRADE.

From the statistical branch of the Customs-house we have received a return showing the trade of the Commonwealth for August last. The figures thus made available we have added to those for earlier months of the year, and compiled in comparative form as follow:—

IMPORTS STEADY.

1st 8 mos.	Gold. £	Merchandise. £	Total. £
1907	1,005,501	31,997,189	33,002,690
1908	689,403	32,506,722	33,196,125
Movement	316,098 dec.	509,533 inc.	193,435

It will thus be seen that imports of merchandise have increased by rather more than half a million sterling during the period. The movement in exports is much more marked, as follows:—

DECLINING EXPORTS.

1st 8 mos.	Gold. £	Produce. £	Total. £
1907	7,586,365	34,347,255	41,933,620
1908	10,477,512	25,951,786	36,429,298
Movement	2,891,147 inc.	8,395,469 dec.	5,504,322 dec.

The falling-off in the value of our exports of produce has thus exceeded eight millions sterling during the period.

BANK OF ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The directors of the Bank of Adelaide have declared an interim dividend at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

With reference to the recently registered company under the style of "Towns Lighting and Power Company, Ltd.," which was referred to in our issue of September 30, Messrs. Warburton, Franki, and Co., electrical engineers, of 162 Clarence-street, ask us to notify that this has nothing whatever to do with the taking over of their existing business, but that they are merely acting as electrical engineers for the above company. The contracts referred to are only those appertaining to the supply of electrical current for lighting and power purposes to different towns and municipalities.

Receipts of gold last month at the Sydney branch of the Royal Mint totalled 36,987 fine ozs, making 426,737 fine ozs, valued at £1,814,096 since January 1.

The Customs revenue received in the State during September totalled £401,030, against £383,049 during the corresponding month last year.

The Customs receipts to date this year have reached £3,492,141, an increase of £337,249 over those of last year for the corresponding period.

Messrs. Perkins and Co. have declared a dividend of 1s 6d, payable on October 5.

COMMERCIAL.

EIGHT MONTHS' EXPORTS.

The Customs returns of the principal articles of export from the port of Sydney during the nine months which ended yesterday compare with those of the corresponding period of 1907 as under. The figures for September are also given:—

	Sept., 1908.	Nine months. Jan.-Sept. 1908.	1907.
Wool, bales	53,304	389,275	406,600
Skins, pkgs	3,413	18,766	27,673
Hides, No.	41,412	213,979	129,701
Tallow, casks	3,123	19,757	24,615
Tin, ingots	9,369	79,157	92,042
Copper, ingots	182,505	1,283,013	1,296,129
Leather, pkgs	862	7,483	6,429
Pres. meats, cases	13,170	56,581	40,501
Frozen mutton, cres.	70,260	438,941	709,543
Frozen beef, pcs.	207	2,078	11,926
Hares, rabbits, prs.	462,310	4,942,400	5,911,323
Hoofs and bones, cwt	1,466	9,749	10,565
Horns, No.	101,351	766,284	707,050
Butter, boxes	8,761	197,722	265,715
Timber, super ft.	2,367,883	12,657,538	14,180,231
Shale, tons	217	10,253	5,680

It will be noted that there are substantial decreases in wool, skins, tallow, tin, copper, frozen mutton and beef, hares and rabbits, hoofs, horns, etc., butter, and timber. Increases are in hides, leather, preserved meats, horns, and shale.

THE MOHAIR MARKET.

For a week or so before the mail left there was considerable activity in Cape mohair, over 2000 bales having been sold, both in London and Port Elizabeth, with the result that the market improved about /2. Merchants were asking /12 for good Cape firsts. The opinion generally was that prices were permanently on the mend. The only depressing influence was the want of movement in yarns.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat was easier on spot, as (according to private cables) it was also in London and New York. Some business was reported on local milling account at 4/3, which represented buyers' limit. Holders, though nominally asking 4/3½, showed no disposition to force business. New wheat was also a trifle weaker at 3/8½ to 3/9.

Flour was very dull, being quoted at the Associated price of £9 and £9/5/ for leading city and country brands.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 448 tons of wheat and 228 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

WHEAT LOADINGS AND STACKS.

During the week ended September 26 29,065 bags of wheat were despatched from various country stations, 17,641 bags being from the Southern line, 9354 from the Western, and 2070 from the Northern. The centres loading upwards of 1000 bags were:—Temora, The Rock, Brocklesby, Coolamon, Ganmain, Berrigan, Wellington, Geurie, Cowra, Greenthorpe, and Manilla.

The stacks of wheat on railway premises at the end of the week numbered 228,191 bags, as against 298,692 bags the previous week. The number of bags stacked at the same time last year was 280,000. At the end of last week the stacks were distributed as follow:—

Station.	No. of Bags.	Station.	No. of Bags.
Stockinbingal	9,608	Coolamon	7,163
Temora	16,729	Ganmain	3,491
Gidginbung	3,316	Berrigan	13,601
Wyalong	300	Finley	871
Illabo	500	Wellington	2,271
The Rock	3,351	Geurie	17,334
Lockhart	5,062	Parkes	9,854
Henty	12,943	Bogan Gate	1,800
Culcairn	126	Trundle	1,960
Walla Walla	2,504	Cowra	12,168
Burrumbuttock	1,570	Grenfell	3,000
Brocklesby	5,267	Greenthorpe	45,395
Balldale	2,394	Attunga	154
Hopefield	850	Manilla	3,000
Corowa	283	Darling Island	28,894
Germanton	2,866		
Marrar	1,880	Total	228,191

The following shows how the stacks grew and how they are diminishing:—

	Bags.		Bags.
December 14	98,475	May 9	488,751
January 4	117,453	May 30	454,605
January 11	263,682	June 20	432,283
January 25	451,466	July 18	381,663
February 8	615,298	August 8	342,421
February 22	689,474	August 29	293,133
March 14	628,161	September 5	292,642
March 28	604,067	September 12	263,797
April 11	542,714	September 19	245,450
April 25	525,761	September 26	228,191

ESTIMATED WORLD HARVEST.

The last issue of the "Times" (London) to hand by the mail, reviewing the world's wheat position, ventures the following estimate of the production for the current season, with comparisons of previous years, as follows (in thousands of quarters):—

	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.
United Kingdom	6,750	7,000	7,580	7,540
France	36,000	46,000	40,000	42,500
Belgium and Holland	2,450	2,550	2,450	2,200
Germany	18,000	16,000	18,000	17,000
Russia (including Asiatic Provinces)	66,000	63,500	63,000	79,500
Hungary, Croatia, and Slavonia	19,000	16,100	25,900	23,800
Roumania	6,000	5,300	13,900	12,500
Bulgaria, Rumelia, Servia, and Bosnia	7,000	5,500	8,200	6,850
Italy	17,500	21,000	20,250	18,500
Spain and Portugal	12,550	12,700	15,000	12,200
Other European Countries	12,750	11,650	14,130	14,320
Total for Europe	204,000	207,300	229,610	236,410
North America and Mexico	99,000	89,500	105,250	101,000
South America	22,500	28,450	22,000	19,250
Asia	35,600	40,200	49,300	43,800
Africa	5,500	6,800	6,000	5,300
Australasia	10,000	7,000	9,000	9,500
Grand total	383,600	385,250	421,760	415,260

(It may be pointed out that in the preceding estimate the calculated yield of the crops harvested in the Southern Hemisphere early this year has been adopted; this is of some importance to bear in mind, especially in regard to India, for which only 26,600,000 quarters are allowed against 38,000,000 in 1907, and 44,800,000 in 1905).

PROBABLE COURSE OF PRICES.

On the basis of the above table there would be a total supply of about two million quarters less than in the cereal year just closing, but (continues the "Times" review) it must of course be allowed that the tendency is invariably to err on the conservative side in forming such estimates. For instance, the under-estimate of crops in the United States is notorious, and may be presumed to be no less this year than formerly. The Russian crop again is altogether an uncertain quantity. But, broadly speaking, these figures for the current year do not suggest any material cheapening of prices. There may be witnessed some depression in the near future, during the marketing of the first quarter or third of the crops; and indeed such a process is now (late August) going on in England, where the average "Gazette" price is slowly yielding, and in Germany, where the pressure of offerings of home-grown is said to be almost unprecedented, and that country expects to be able to export wheat, and especially rye, in considerable volume during the autumn. Such pressure may last until fairly trustworthy estimates can be formed of the South American, Australian, and Indian crops, which would be ready for market at the end of the present calendar year. The prospects so far are excellent in Argentina, where a much increased acreage has been put under wheat, and the young plant is making excellent progress; in Australia, whence equally hopeful advices are received; and in India, where if no unfavourable changes occur the yield should be equal to some of the best harvests of recent years. Trade interests, however, should not, we think, rely too much on the early rush of wheat to market, for in the larger producing countries, and especially America, the farming interests are no longer absolutely compelled to market their wheat at what it may bring. Farms have been freed from mortgages, and altogether growers have become much more independent during recent years. The power of hiding grain away in country elevators until it suits the owners to sell has increased greatly within recent years, and may be expected to show itself this season perhaps more than last, for the surplus reserves have undoubtedly been more than usually depleted since the States began to surprise the trade in Europe with their liberal shipments in the closing months of 1907. The most experienced grain merchants do not at present anticipate any great advance, but they consider the level of value now obtaining as fairly protected from sharp declines.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Teas.—The market was quiet and almost clear of important business. Private sales included 180 Indians at /7½ to /8½, and 200 Ceylons up to /11. A private cable, dated September 30, from Colombo, gave the market for medium to good broken pekoes and common to medium, costing up to 60 cents, as firm at full rates, but prices showed no quotable change. The market for fine to good broken pekoes was irregular and weaker, with quality scarcely so good. The firm in question advised having bought 30,000lb for shipment this week. Shipments to Australia aggregated 100,000lb, of which three-fourths was for Sydney. The purchase this week was proportionately composed of medium to good broken pekoe, costing up to 60 cents, and Navancares costing 57 cents of better quality."

Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. offer to-day, on account of Gibbs, Bright, and Co., a catalogue embracing 600 packages Ceylons, 100 quarter-chests orange pekoe, and 50 quarter-chests Panyong buds.

Oils.—Business was mostly confined to the ordinary distributing trade, which was on the slack side. Linseed oil sold in small lots at the unaltered rates of 3/3 and 3/5 for B. and S., other brands /1 less; parcels /1 lower. Castor oil was taken at 2/11 in small lots. Fish oils met with some business at £14/2/6 to £14/5/. Fine whale was offered at £18 to £19 in cases and casks respectively, but those prices were to be shaded for parcels. Denatured China oil was worth 3/3, and the pure oil 4/10. Champion's whitelead was quoted at £30 in cwts and in quarters at £30/15/. Station oils and tars were in steady demand at late rates.

Metals.—Thirty-six tons of black German wire sold at £7/17/6 and £8/7/6 for Nos. 8 and 10 respectively. For small lots prices were quoted firm on spot at £8 for No. 8, and £8/10/ for No. 10. To arrive the quotation for No. 8 was £7/17/6. Ten tons American black sold at £8, and £8/10/ for similar grades, and also 5 tons of Whitecross at £12 and £12/5/. No. 8 German galvanised had sales at £9/15/ and £10/5/, and American at £10 and £10/10/, according to grade. German galvanised to arrive was quoted at 10/ less. Fifteen miles Federation English A grade netting, 42 x 1½ x 17, sold at £28/10/; 10 miles 36 x 1½ x 18 B W.U., at £19. Local manufacturers reported well-maintained orders at the advanced rates, although a falling-off is looked forward to as the harvesting season encroaches upon general farm work. Lysaght's sales for the week were given as:—40 miles 42 x 1½ x 17 A grade, £32; 18 miles 42 x 1½ x 17 B grade, £29/10/; 8 miles 36 x 1½ x 17, £25/15/; 30 miles 42 x 1½ x 18, £23/15/; 12 miles 36 x 1½ x 18, £20/10/; 15 miles 42 x 1½ x 17 A grade, £27/5/; 10 miles 36 x 1½ x 17 B grade, £22/5/; 28 miles 36 x 1½ x 18, £16/15/. Thirty-four tons 12-gauge barbed wire, Iowa pattern, £14, and 29 tons ditto, 14-gauge, £15/5/; and 10 tons 12 and 14 gauge, special, £17 and £18. Sheet lead was sold at £18/5/. Tinplates were on offer at 14/6 in parcels, and 15/ in small lots. Imported cement was scarce, Ancher being quoted at 15/; Commonwealth brand was worth 13/. Galvanised iron was in fair request at late rates. Very good demand was reported for sheep shears, and B.B.H. were in light supply on spot at 33/6, which was also the quotation for T.U.S. brand.

Chemicals.—Business was quiet. G grade resin was offering at £8/5/ in fair parcels, and W grade at £12/10/. Swedish carbide, in small demand, was worth £15/5/ to £15/10/. Caustic soda was quoted at £12/5/ to £12/7/6. Business was done in bicarb. soda at £9, and in soda ash at £6/17/6. Cream of tartar was quoted at /8½, tartaric acid at /11½ to /11¾, citric acid at 1/4½. Silicate soda in the lump was worth £8/5/, liquid silicate £6/10/, caustic potash £35/10/, powdered borax £19/10/, and whiting 65/. Sulphur was to be had from £7/12/6.

Jute.—The feature of the market was the activity in woolpacks, which improved their position from /½ to /1 on the day. The spurt was due to a rush of inquiries from other States, as well as from the country. Practically all the packs landing or on the water (as far as known, there are under 400 bales in the boats coming forward) have passed into second hands. The market closed firmer in sellers' favour at 2/4, with some holders unwilling to do business under 2/4½. Old sacks were quoted at 7/ to 7/1½, according to parcel; but a searching of the market might have revealed a line for which the 7/ could have been shaded. The position of new sacks was without change, either on spot or in Calcutta. Holders were quoting 5/ firm. Brandbags were quoted at 4/1½.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 6674 bales of wool were manifested to arrive.

The revenue collected at the Customs-house yesterday amounted to £13,183.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

METALS.

Oct. 1, 5.10 a.m.

Yesterday's closing quotations were:—

Copper, spot, b £59/17/6, s £60/2/6—2/6 up; three months, b £60/1/3, s £60/18/9—1/3 down.

Tin, spot, b £133/17/6, s £134/7/6—7/6 up; three months, b £135/5/, s £135/15/—£1/7/6 up.

Lead, spot, b £13/6/3, s £13/7/6—2/ up.

TIN STATISTICS.

	A year ago. Tons.	A month. ago. Tons.	Sept. 30, 1908. Tons.
Stocks	13,235	17,613	18,311
Deliveries	2,440	5,599	2,805
Afloat	4,914	6,091	4,068
Spot and landing	1,895	2,408	3,391

VISIBLE WHEAT SUPPLY.

The American visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is estimated by "Bradstreet's" as being equivalent to 47,965,000 bushels of wheat, against 39,855,000 on September 23, and 59,746,300 at the corresponding period of last year.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The wheat market continues dull. Prices are unchanged, but there is not the same disposition to operate. For forward delivery 3/10½ is offered, and for new season 3/9. Flour is unaltered at £9. Bran and pollard sold at 1/1.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Wheat was quiet. A little business was done for prompt delivery at 4/1½, and about 1500 bags were sold at 4/1½ forward. Business in new crop wheat was quiet, sellers asking 3/9½, but shippers were disinclined to exceed 3/9. Flour sold at £8/10/. Bran, 1/1; and pollard, 1/2. Fair business was done in bran for export. Algerian oats were dull and weak, quotations being almost nominal. Good Algerian sold at 2/7, while some sellers were asking to 2/8. Prime stout white oats sold at 2/7½. Maize was steady. Prime flat red sold at 4/0¼ ex wharf. Prime hand-threshed dun peas sold at 3/9. Chaff was quiet at from £5/10/ to £7; choice green, £7/2/6. Potatoes were quiet, with larger arrivals. Pinkeye sold to 80/; Snowflake, to 75/; red, 65/ to 70/; choice Excelsior, to 90/; Tasmanian prime, £5; choice, to £5/5/. Prime onions were firm at from £10/10/ to £10/15/; special, to £11.

Business in tea covers about 300 packages Ceylon up to /10. Seventy chests desiccated cocoanut were sold. Cornsacks sold at 5/, but some leading importers asked 5/1. Branbags sold at 4/2.

ADELAIDE WOOL SALES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. report:—The opening sale of the Adelaide wool season was held to-day, when some 24,000 bales were offered, and about 21,000 sold. There was the largest attendance of buyers seen here, and competition was very keen, bidding coming from all sections of the Continental trade, for which, as usual at the first sales, the wools were especially adapted. Good straight lines of well-grown merino wool sold at 25 per cent. under last year's opening rates, but faulty parcels were slower of sale at about 5 per cent. less. We offered 4200, and sold 3800. W. Dawes, Topar, Broken Hill, realised up to /9, Koomooloo /9, Myrtle Springs /7½, Curnamona /6¾, Wellington /9, crossbreds /8, South Cup /7½, Erudina /7½.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The opening of the new month's business in the produce markets brought about an improvement in the demand. A firm tone was noted for prime green samples of chaff. The Western Australian shipment sold well, the best samples bringing £8. Choice Adelaide cuts secured higher values, an extra 2/6 being obtained. Best New Zealand oaten brought an extra 5/. There was considerable excitement in the maize market. Holders of prime dry grain took advantage of the beginning of the month to procure another /1. A good inquiry existed, and retailers seemed to pay the extra amount readily. White grain was well sought after. Sales were made on a par with yellow, but as light stocks were expected to arrive, some agents were already seeking more money. Close upon 250 bales of lucerne arrived at the Hunter River wharf. The quality of the bales had largely improved, consignments consisting of a large percentage of dry sorts. Values underwent very little alteration. Oats were moving steadily. Potatoes and onions sold quietly at unchanged rates.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Maize.—Prime dry yellow 4/6, prime milling white 4/6 bus.

Barley.—Cape, 4/7 to 4/8; medium 4/4 bus.

Peas.—Blue, 5/6; grey, 4/3 bus.

Wheat.—Prime milling 4/3 to 4/3½ bus.

Chickwheat.—4/3 bus.

Oats.—Tasmanian: 3/1. New Zealand: 3/2.

Bran.—£6; pollard, £6 ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Adelaide: Prime £6/15/ to £7/2/6, good from £6/10/. New Zealand: £6/5/ to £6/10/. Western Australian: £7/15/ to £8. Tasmanian: Nominal ton.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: To £3 ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £3/10/ ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime green, £3, brown bales from £2/10/, fresh green from £2 to £2/10/.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Redskins, £5/5/; darkskins, from £4/15/ per ton.

Onions.—Japanese: £15. Californian: £14. Victorian: £12 ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Dairy produce received satisfactory attention, and all departments had a brighter feeling. A good local demand continued with butter, but on account of the increasing supplies a big surplus was expected by the end of the week. Stocks of bacon were light, and as there was a good demand prices ruled very firm. Prime factory sides ruled at current values, but a few heavy ones were offering at /8½. Cheese had a fairly good tone, matured makes, which were still scarce, being well inquired after. An order from Western Australia for about 10 cases of soft cheese was being carried out at /8½. An improvement in the demand for eggs was noticeable, which was largely due to many of the operators expecting the present rough weather to delay the week-end shipments from the rivers. Many of the speculators who had been holding off in anticipation of a fall were also inquiring about supplies. Northern river eggs were practically unprocurable. South Coast were not too well stocked, and met with an improvement. New-laid sold steady at unchanged rates. Duck eggs were still scarce, and sold readily.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Special flavoured brands 112/, choice to 110/, second and medium grades to 108/ per cwt; pastry, nominal.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf /8½, good /8 to /8¼, inferior from /6½ to /7½, prime medium /8 to /8½, good /8; special brands from /9 to /9½ per lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders /9½ to /9¾; bulk /8½ to /9; special brands, packets and small bladders /9, bulk /8½ per lb.

Bacon.—Prime factory, sides /8½ to /9, flitches /7½ to /8½, middles /10 to /10½; hams, /10 to /10½; special brands, sides /9½, flitches /8, middles /9½; seed hams, double covers, 1/2; hams, single covers, 1/1 per lb.

Eggs.—Northern rivers, nominal /9 to /9½; Southern, /9½, choice /10; new-laid suburban, /10 to /10½; duck eggs, new-laid, /10 to /11 per dozen.

POULTRY.

The offerings of poultry were very few. Inquiries were being received by agents for the incoming supplies from the rivers, and when they arrive to-day good returns are anticipated.

Current quotations were:—

River.—Roosters, choice 5/6, good 4/6 to 5/, old hens 4/, small mixed sorts 4/ to 4/6; English ducks, 4/3 to 4/6; Muscovy, 4/6; drakes, 5/; turkeys, extra heavy 22/6, extra choice 18/ to 20/, good 10/ to 15/; guinea-fowls, 4/6 per pair.

FIREWOOD.

There were 35 truckloads of firewood offered for auction, and fair sales resulted. Prices still continued on the same level as on Friday last.

The following prices were realised:—

Best boxwood, 14/ to 15/6, good 13/ to 14/; bakers' wood 12/ to 12/6, good 10/ to 11/; ironbark, 10/6 to 13/; stringy, 10/6 to 13/.

APIARY PRODUCTS.

The market for honey continued quiet. Only a few sales of the choicest Western makes occurred. Wax continued dull.

Current quotations were:—

Honey.—Western, 60lb tins, choice /2½ to /3, prime /2½ to /2¾, inferior and candied /2 to /2¼.

Beeswax.—Prime clear 1/ to 1/2; dark 1/ to 1/1.

AUCTION SALES.

Chaff and lucerne hay were, owing to the late unsettled weather, rather hard to dispose of at the sale held at the railway goods shed on Thursday morning. There was a fairly large attendance of buyers, competition was animated, and prices remained fairly firm at about late rates. The offerings at auction amounted to 20 truckloads of produce, 16 of which were disposed of, and were made up in the following manner:—Chaff 8, lucerne hay 9, oaten hay 1, derrick straw 1, wheat 2, maize 6, Swede turnips 2. Four truckloads of chaff were knocked down at prices which remained fairly firm at yesterday's rates. Choice green cuts realised 7/6, prime 7/, good from 5/10 to 6/3, and straw chaff 3/3 per cwt. Lucerne hay was slow of sale, only five sales being effected at slightly weaker rates. Prime Hawkesbury truss hay moved off at from 3/7 to 4/1, medium from 3/4 to 3/6, and prime Hunter River dumps were worth 4/ per cwt. A truckload of medium quality oaten hay was sold at 3/10 per cwt, and good derrick straw was disposed of at 2/5 per cwt. A small consignment of prime chickwheat was knocked down at 4/3 per cwt. Maize was particularly hard to dispose of, and only two sales were effected; prime dry yellow Queensland maize realising 4/5 and 4/5½ per bushel. Two truckloads of prime Swede turnips were also sold, the prices obtained being 3/2 and 3/6 per cwt respectively.

Supplies were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From Syne, Warrangong, (11862) 5/10, (8737) p, 6/9, (11811) p 5/9, (4571) p 5/9; Johnstone, Greenthorpe, (542), p 4/; Rowlands, Mandurama, (1550), 6/3 bags wheaten 7/6, balance oaten 7/; Leabeater, Lyndhurst, (7192), 6/3; ex Dubbo, (1211), 3/3 per cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—From Gardiner, Windsor, (12882), p 2/9; Holland, (525), 3/4; Richmond, Umeralla, (11130) p 3/3, *3/6; ex Windsor, (8 353), 3/7; Nicoll, (1972) 4/1; ex E. Maitland, (9770), p 3/6; Cameron, Aberdeen, (9260) p 3/4; ex W. Maitland, (9798) p 3/4; Davies, (1501) 4/ per cwt.

Oaten Hay.—Ex Millthorpe, (4807), 3/10 per cwt.

Derrick Straw.—From Delaney, Cowra, (2800) 2/5 per cwt.

Wheat.—Ex Wallendbeen, (11563), 4/3; Drummond, Lockhart, (8423) p 4/3 per bushel.

Maize.—Ex Wallangarra, (12074) p 4/5½, (20) p 4/5½; Alexander, Wallangarra, (12220) 4/5½; Barnes and Co., (4525) p 4/5, (12158) p 4/5; ex Tenterfield, (12209), 4/5 per bushel.

Swede Turnips.—From Johnson, Windsor, (6856), 22 bags 3/6; ex Penrith, (3456) 3/2 per cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

BATHURST-STREET.

A good demand continued for choice fruit at the Bathurst-street markets. A shipment consisting of nearly 12,000 cases of apples arrived from Tasmania, 10,500 of which were consigned to Sydney agents, and when marketed to-day they were expected to return good values. Good eating sorts were expected to improve. Oranges showed a quieter feeling, but mandarins and passionfruit sold steadily at current rates. Bananas ruled at firm values.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Tasmanian: S.P.M., extra choice 12/, choice 11/, good 9/ to 10/, medium 8/ to 9/, small 6/ to 8/; N.Y.P., extra choice 11/, choice 8/ to 9/; S.T.P., choice 7/6 to 8/6, good 6/ to 7/. Cooking: F.C., choice 8/, good 6/ to 7/6; S.P., 5/ to 6/6; H.C., 5/ to 6/6. American: Jeffrey and Gravenstein, 11/6 to 13/6.

Bananas.—G.M., 17/ to 17/6 per case, 6/ to 12/ per bunch. Fiji: 15/ to 15/6 per case, 3/ to 8/ per bunch. Queensland: 12/ to 12/6 per case, 2/6 to 5/ per bunch.

Lemons.—Choice 7/ to 7/6, medium 4/ to 5/, small 2/6 to 3/ per gin-case.

Cocoanuts.—9/6 to 10/ per bag, 2/ to 3/ per doz.

Loquats.—Choice 3/6 to 4/, small 1/6 to 2/; Mammoth, choice 7/, medium 4/ to 5/ per box.

Passionfruit.—Choice coloured 4/6 to 5/6, medium 2/6 to 3/6, small 1/6 per half-case.

Peanuts, /3½; walnuts, /6½; Barcelonas, /6½; Lychee, /10; almonds, /10 to /10½ lb.

Pineapples.—Common, choice 7/ to 8/; Queen, choice 6/ to 7/6; Ripley Queen, choice 7/ to 8/.

Mandarins.—Local: Emperors, special 16/ to 18/, choice 11/ to 12/, medium 6/ to 8/, small 3/ to 4/ per gin-case; Thornies, choice 4/ to 5/, medium 3/ to 3/6, small 2/ to 2/6 per half-case.

Oranges.—Local: Extra choice 9/ to 10/, choice 7/ to 8/, medium 4/ to 5/, small 2/6 to 3/ per gin-case. Navel: Choice 14/ to 15/, medium 7/ to 9/, small 4/ to 5/ per gin-case. Seville: Choice 2/ to 2/6, medium 1/6 to 2/ per gin-case.

Strawberries.—Queensland: Choice 4/6 to 5/, good 3/6 to 4/, medium 2/ to 3/, small and inferior, 1/ per three-quart tray.

Tomatoes.—Queensland: Choice coloured 4/ to 5/, medium 3/ to 3/6 per quarter-case, small and inferior unsaleable.

MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Market to-day fruit sold as follows:—Almonds, /6 to /8 per lb; apples, 6/ to 11/6 per case; oranges, 6/ to 11/ ditto; lemons, 6/ to 8/ ditto; loquats, /2 to /4 per lb; melons, preserving, 2/ to 4/ per dozen; walnuts, /7 to /8 per lb.

PRODUCE ARRIVALS.

The arrivals of maize, oats, chaff, potatoes, and butter by rail and sea for the week ended Tuesday, September 29, together with the totals to date for the year and the corresponding period of the previous year are appended:—

	Maize. Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Week's receipts	3,770	2,101	803
Previous week	3,283	2,294	45
Total to date, 1908	258,656	46,177	39,216
Total to date, 1907	276,028	131,274	..
	Oats.		
Week's receipts	—	11	2,299
Previous week	—	26	3,640
Total, 1908	—	18,633	162,646
Total, 1907	—	58,670	120,910
	Chaff.		
Week's receipts	30	16,500	15,124
Previous week	—	11,259	13,053
Total, 1908	452	401,850	720,537
Total, 1907	—	496,202	877,140
	Potatoes.		
Week's receipts	7	1,155	13,560
Previous week	—	1,166	13,575
Total, 1908	5,532	67,266	506,819
Total, 1907	37,763	64,798	673,116

	Butter. Boxes.	Boxes.	Kegs.	Boxes.
Week's receipts	9,383	1,585	6	48
Previous week	7,983	1,613	8	277
Total, 1908	26,712	84,483	275	24,841
Total, 1907	541,979	110,790	976	5,846

Included in the above figures is a small quantity of butter from New Zealand, and some maize from the islands.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of October 1 and for that of October 5, 403 sheep vans and 126 cattle waggons; and for that of October 8, 472 sheep vans and 130 cattle waggons have been ordered. Order books are closed for sheep vans up to and including the market of December 24, and for cattle waggons up to and including the market of December 10.

HOMEBUSH STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S SALES.

SHEEP.

Upwards of 40,800 sheep (including lambs) were balloted for sale, from 96 consignors, 33,548 head were penned. Of the consignments 12 drafts ranged from 1000 to 1500 head, while the bulk comprised lots of 100 to 500 head. The sheep comprised a large proportion of woolly merino wethers and ewes, but included a larger representation of shorn wethers and ewes, than on Monday last. All grades of both woolly and shorn were in evidence, from medium to extra prime. Woolly merino wethers realised to 20/6 for the tops of a line of 315 from J. M'Master (Bundella); and woolly merino ewes to 17/5 for the tops of a draft consigned by C. J. King. In the shorn section wethers from P. J. Boyton (Condobolin) sold to 15/6, and ewes to 12/11 from R. J. Cowan. There was a full attendance of buyers, including exporters and the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Ltd. As the supply seemed ample for requirements, the market opened to free competition at easier values for woolly, and decidedly lower for shorn sheep. During the progress of the sales woolly sheep firmed to late rates, but shorn were lower throughout. On Monday last shorn sheep had the competition of shippers to the south, which was lacking at yesterday's sales. Quotations:—Prime merino w 18/ to 19/, extra prime merino w 19/6 to 20/6; good merino w and h 14/ to 16/, medium merino w and h 10/6 to 12/; prime merino e 14/ to 15/, extra prime merino e 16/ to 17/6; good merino e 11/6 to 13/; medium merino e 9/6 to 10/6, prime xbd w 17/6 to 18/6; odd pens to 19/6, good xbd w and h 14/ to 15/6; medium xbd w and h 11/6 to 13/, prime xbd e 17/ to 18/; good xbd e and h 14/ to 15/; medium xbd e and h 11/ to 12/6; prime merino w (shorn) 12/ to 13/; extra prime 14/ to 15/6; good 9/ to 10/6; medium 7/ to 8/; prime merino e (shorn) 9/6 to 10/6; extra prime 12/ to 13/; good 7/ to 8/; medium, 4/9 to 6/. Sales:—

Weaver and Perry.—J. Quigley, Catmundral, 35 w (shorn) 14/2, 134 12/10, 261 12/4, 109 11/4 to 11/6; P. Ryan, Burren, 8 w 19/8, 86 16/10, 170 14/11 to 15/2; F. T. Payne, Merah, 6 w 16/7, 5 e 12/8; estate late G. Bradshaw, Merah, 51 w 18/1, 72 16/1; J. Webber, Nevertire, 27 e (shorn) 8/; J. W. Daly, Eton, 121 xb w h 15/5, 63 14/, 54 xb e h 14/6, 82 13/6, Western agents, 157 r 9/6, 141 8/6; G. Wheeler, Quirindi, 37 xb e 15/4, 52 17/2, 109 e 15/, 44 12/10.

Warden Harry Graves, Limited.—F. W. Bacon, Brewarrina, 520 e (shorn) 4/9, 209 6/10, 379 e 11/, 134 13/7, 50 w (shorn) 7/6 to 7/8, 99 6/11.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—R. J. Cowan, 75 e (shorn) 12/5 to 12/10, 60 11/5, 50 w (shorn) 12/; C. W. Mumsie, 15 w 15/7, 19 14/2, 87 e 15/, 115 13/6; 18 11/11; E. F. Brennan, 11 w 15/, 29 e 12/6, 8 xb e 14/; J. Donoghue, 122 w 17/5, 56 15/, 61 e 12/10; J. M. L. M'Donald, 78 w 15/9, 16 w (stained) 14/, 38 xb e h 16/, 30 xb w h 16/10.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited.—W. E. Spong, 55 w 17/10 to 17/11, 115 16/6, 37 14/8; J. H. Bettington, 120 xb w 16/11 to 17/, 300 w 16/10, 159 15/, 224 xbds 14/6 to 14/8; Thomson and Melrose, 82 w 16/6; R. Lumsby, 166 e 15/10, 395 w (shorn) 10/ to 10/5, 284 12/ to 12/6, 90 h 9/7; C. Constable, 73 w 14/11, 44 e (shorn) 8/1 to 8/4; T. C. Eather, 18 w 15/, 46 e 13/1; C. Martyn, 75 e 15/1, 47 13/8; J. Nelson, 100 w 14/9, 75 e 11/10 to 12/2; E. Grills, 48 e 14/4; J. Brake, 35 e 15/5; A. Pearlman, 90 w 13/, 10 e 10/; T. Knight, 234 e 15/6, 144 13/11 to 13/; H. Smith, 9 w 11/, 88 e 9/7; T. F. and J. Grills, 306 e 12/3 to 12/4, 219 9/; H. Shearer, 79 e 16/7, 71 14/11.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—N.Z. and A. L. Company, Ltd., Moree, 828 e 14/1 to 14/4, 264 16/3, 127 11/3 to 11/7; A. A. Company, Ltd., Willow Tree, 148 w 15/, 808 13/3 to 18/6, 19 e 15/11; estate H. C. White, Gunnedah, 476 w 17/11 to 18/1, 78 16/9 to 17/, 225 19/10 to 20/; J. K. and W. H. Mackay, Cryon, 321 e 15/8, 186 17/ to 17/1, 21 w 18/11; P. J. Croaker, Breeza, 461 w 18/ to 18/1, 36 16/10, 252 19/10; G. H. Brown, Boggabri, 580 w 18/10 to 18/11, 63 16/11, 207 19/11; P. J. Boyton, Condobolin, 148 w (shorn) 12/7, 68 11/4, 108 15/6, 125 e (shorn) 10/5 to 11/, 155 8/11 to 9/1; W. Bull, Moree, 107 w 16/6, 61 e 12/10; C. Hobson, Harden, 111 e 14/1 to 14/3, 75 e 12/5; Mrs. M'Clymont, Delungra, 47 e 14/ to 14/6, 34 e 12/6.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—J. M'Master, Bundella, 69 w 20/5 to 20/6, 174 19/1 to 19/3, 72 18/2, 197 e 15/1 to 15/4, 20 16/9, 103 14/2; M'Master Bros., Rockgidgiel, 20 w 19/, 200 18/1 to 18/6, 74 17/, 44 r 15/8; D. M'Master, jun., Oban, 38 w 19/2, 507 17/2 to 17/7, 144 16/ to 16/1; H. Campbell, Quirindi, 201 w 19/, 271 17/5 to 17/11, 128 16/7; M'Gill and Co., Mollee, 5 xb w 19/3, 79 w 19/7 253 18/4, 223 17/1 to 17/6; J. Fagan, Woodstock, 97 w 18/, 289 16/4 to 16/5, 37 14/11; S. L. Greenaway, 146 e 14/5, 75 12/10.

Badgery Bros.—Northern agents, 35 xbe 15/3, 28 xb h 14/, 28 xb w 14/8, 51 w h 13/, 40 11/3, 87 xb e 12/1, 15 xb e 11/, 14 xb e 13/, 14 w 14/6, 69 xb w h 10/6 to 11/, 68 12/, 100 14/2.

Abbott and Martineer.—J. F. Smart, junr., 85 e 17/, 19 14/7; O. J. Hardy, Burren, 28 e 13/, 5 e h 13/5, 47 e 15/2; G. Evans, 140 w (shorn) 8/9, 16 9/7.

Maiden Bros.—J. J. Dent, 208 w 19/6, 238 17/10, 72 10/10, 30 e 16/; estate L. P. Doyle, 71 w 18/4, 109 16/9, 58 15/7; C. J. King, 98 e 17/5, 42 15/8; trustees late J. Wall, 74 e 16/, 47 xb e 15/1, 23 e 13/8, 28 xb e 14/6, 33 w 15/11, 20 13/6; D. Macansh, 146 e 15/6, 109 14/9, 29 12/11; Geanmoney station, 166 e 15/1, 99 14/ to 14/1; M. J. Howard, 67 w 16/1, 9 xb e 13/9, 16 e 13/9; S. Bowen, Warren, 155 e 14/, 113 12/, 33 10/8; L. Sprague, 179 e 12/10, 205 12/10, 55 w 11/1 to 11/2, 75 12/9; R. C. Byrne, 171 w 15/, 53 e 15/; R. Fuller, 44 e 10/7, 62 6/10; A. Brummell, 158 w (shorn) 10/, 147 8/8.

New Zealand Loan and M.A. Co., Ltd., Bulong station, Forbes, 46 x w 18/6, 65 w 16/6, 47 w 17/, 25 x w 19/6, 24 10/3, 77 xbd e 17/6, 74 16/, 21 xbd w 17/3; Myrtle Vale Estate, 62 e 14/8, 30 12/6; T. Howard, Woolabra, 64 e 16/, 22 14/1; Featherstonhaugh and Son, Coonamble, 96 w 16/9, 20 15/7, 20 15/4, 100 15/; T. Bloodworth, Combara, 40 e 12/3; J. A. Bloodworth, 43 e 14/6, 56 11/11.

J. C. Young and Co.—W. F. Anderson, 28 xb w 17/11, 13 xb e 14/8, 41 w 16/2, 32 e 13/8, 19 r and s 14/1; W. Arnold, 90 w 17/6, 99 15/1; A. W. Everett, 105 e 15/2, 30 13/8, 39 13/7.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—W. M. Keogh, Coonamble, 735 w 19/2 to 20/, 335 18/4 to 18/7; M. M'Mahon, jun., 77 xbd w 16/10, 81 15/4, 73 e 10/, 54 12/6; L. Guest, Baan Baa, 85 w 15/10, 72 13/6; Guilfoyle and Moloney, 104 w 17/9, 96 16/10; B. Byrnes, 66 h 14/9; W. Wilson, 79 e 10/5, 80 14/4 to 14/5, 110 16/6; A. E. Hardy, Merah, 184 e 15/3 to 15/5, 614 16/10 to 16/11; C. P. O'Rourke, 85 e (shorn), 8/5 to 8/6, 11 r 15/8; J. J. Knight, Wee Waa, 114 e 13/10.

LAMBS.

A good supply of lambs, proportionately to the sheep (about 4000) was penned. All qualities—both crossbred and merino—were forward. There was a good representation of suckers, chiefly good quality, with occasional pens of prime and extra prime. Woolly lambs were well in evidence, including a few exceptionally prime pens. A line of 168 from J. Lax Willcox sold to 17/11 and averaged 17/4. There was a good demand, biddings were brisk, and values very firm, especially for the better qualities. Quotations:—Prime lambs and suckers 12/ to 14/3, extra prime 15/6 to 16/6, odd pens of extra prime lambs 17/ to 18/, good lambs and suckers 9/6 to 11/, medium, young and light shorn lambs and suckers 6/3 to 8/.

Weaver and Perry.—F. T. Payne, 65 12/11 to 13/6, 13 13/, 60 11/; J. Webber, 38 9/, 51 7/8.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—W. Lax Willcox, 75 17/11, 73 17/2, 20 15/10; W. E. Spong, 68 16/3, 66 15/8; Grills and Co., 69 14/3, 55 12/10; T. C. Eather, 19 15/5; C. Constable, 75 13/9, 64 13/2; J. Nelson, 50 14/7, 33 12/7; C. Martyn, 127 11/8 to 11/11, 136 10/7 to 10/9; J. Brake, 47 12/10; Pearlman, 40 12/4; Simpson, 21 13/5, 43 11/6, 30 9/9 to 9/10, 10 8/9; J. Nelson, 41 13/3, 38 13/7, 18 12/; T. Knight, 36 13/2; H. Shearer, 64 13/4, 48 12/; T. F. and J. Grills, 280 12/2 to 12/4, 120, 10/4, 78 8/10 to 9/3.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—E. F. Brennan, 40 12/.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—C. Hobson, 10 12/3; Mrs. M'Clymont, 91 11/8 to 11/11, 82 12/, 23 11/5, 8 12/1; 15 11/; S. Cosh, 101 10/5, 10 12/1.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—N. R. Balmer, Merah, 21 17/5, 96 15/6, 23 14/8, 53 14/, 106 13/2; S. L. Greenaway, 74 13/4 to 13/6, 69 12/6.

Maiden Bros.—C. J. King, 55 16/4, 8 14/7, 124 13/11 to 14/6, 75 15/7 to 15/9, 27 12/11; R. Fuller, 5 10/3, 158 8/11, 210 6/9 to 7/1; L. Sprague, 16 16/4; M. J. Howard, 47 14/3, 22 12/11, 25 12/10, 71 11/1, 20 12/, 29 11/9, 54 10/7; R. C. Byrne, 14 11/9; H. R. Wanson, 50 6/3 to 7/.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—M. M'Mahon, jun., 114 13/6 to 14/3, 123 12/; L. Guest, 98 11/7 to 11/9, 69 13/9, 180 12/6; Guilfoyle and Moloney, 7 15/9, 56 14/1, 17 13/; B. Byrnes, 38 13/ to 13/2, 41 12/, 70 12/7 to 12/10; C. P. O'Rourke, 255 12/1, 187 10/ to 10/1, 27 11/8; J. J. Knight, 112 11/6, 94 11/3; W. Cross, 67 12/2 to 12/3, 23 9/6; M. M'Mahon, senr., 67 11/10, 30 9/9.

Badgery Bros.—Northern agents, 68 12/, 5 10/.

Abbott and Martineer.—Smart, jun., 5 18/10, 20 17/1, 20 15/3; Smart, senr., 20 13/1, 22 12/1, 86 10/1.

J. C. Young and Co.—W. Arnold, 51 12/7, 20 11/8; W. F. Anderson, 12 13/6, 30 11/10, 7 10/9.

New Zealand L. and M.A. Company, Ltd.—J. H. Bloodworth, 130 10/ to 10/3, 180 9/5; T. and P. Cannon, 29 11/11, 15 12/9; T. Bloodworth, 18 12/10, 36 12/7 to 12/9.

CATTLE.

Out of 1381 cattle balloted for sale, upwards of 1362 head were yarded from 31 consignors. Five drafts from Queensland aggregated 580 head. Those from this State were almost wholly from the northern districts. Useful quality handy weight bullocks and steers predominated, with occasional yards of weighty bullocks. There was only a sprinkling of prime light and medium weight bullocks and steers. Medium and plain quality were considerably in evidence. About 250 cows and heifers were included in the yardings, mainly useful quality, with a sprinkling of prime. The usual buyers were in attendance. There was some inquiry on Melbourne account, but, as the supply of all but choice quality was beyond the demand, the market was generally lower, especially for medium and useful quality bullocks and cows, odd prime yards tending to hold their own at last Monday's rates. Quotations: Yards of prime bullocks £11 to 12/5/, odd prime heavy bullocks to £13, yards of prime light bullocks and steers £9/10/ to £10/10/, yards of good bullocks and steers £7/10/ to £9, yards of medium and light steers £5 to £6/10/; yards of prime cows £7/10/ to £8/10/, yards of extra prime cows £9 to £9/10/, yards of good cows and heifers £5/15/ to £6/10/, yards of medium and light cows and heifers £4 to £5. Best light beef £1 to 33/, and useful beef 25/ to 27/ per 100lb.

William Inglis and Son.—P. J. Timbs, Tenterfield, 100 bullocks to £8/15/, averaging £7/18/9.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Bakewell Bros., Scone, 23 bullocks to £10/6/, avg £9/18/; F. J. Hewitt, Muswellbrook, 12 bullocks to £8/14/, avg £8/7/4; exors. T. Hewitt, Muswellbrook, 13 bullocks to £8/13/, avg £7/19/2.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd. —Tibereenah station, Narrabri, 48 steers to £10, avg £7/10/.

A. McIlrae and Co.—Woodlands estate, 6 bullocks and steers to £11/3/, avg £8/9/, 11 cows and heifers to £2/16/, avg £7/17/9, 23 steers to £7/11/, avg £7/3/10, 7 calves to £4/12/, avg £3/11/9.

Weaver and Perry.—G. W. Dight, Wariald, 113 cows to £8/18/, avg £7/3/2; E. R. White, Muswellbrook, 20 bullocks to £10/7/, avg £9/15/4; F. S. and H. W. Bell, Muswellbrook, 23 bullocks to £12/4/, avg £10/7/; Boorer and Son, Muswellbrook, 7 steers at £5/11/, 16 cows and heifers to £5/3/, avg £4/8/4; W. E. Ireland, Muswellbrook, 3 bullocks to £11/10/, avg £10/0/8, 8 cows to £8/1/, avg £7/13/1; J. Campbell, Scone, 2 bullocks to £12, avg £12/7/, 4 stags at £7/14/; D. T. Bray, Wee Waa, 154 bullocks to £10/17/, avg £9/9/3.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—A. G. F. Munro, Moree, 72 bullocks to £9/15/, avg £8/10/6; Queensland Estates, Ltd. (Q.), 158 bullocks to £9/1/, avg £7/19/4.

Josh. Leeds and Co.—W. F. Buchanan, Killarney, 50 bullocks to £8/18/, avg. £8/10/2.

J. C. Young and Co.—J. Cameron, Moree, 17 steers to £9/5/, avg £7/8/, 14 cows and heifers to £8/7/, avg £6/7/5, 7 steers and vealers to £4/14/, avg £4/11/5; A. Stewart, Collarendabri, 30 bullocks to £10/7/, avg £7/4/10; S. J. Lillis, Moree, 13 heifers to £5/8/, avg £4/8/; W. Goward, Moree, 7 bullocks £7/5/; 3 steers £4/10/, 2 heifers to £5/9/, avg £4/17/6; W. J. Stewart, Moree, 2 bullocks to £9/12/, avg £8/17/6, 4 cows £5/17/; Northern agents, 5 steers £7/9/.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—Glennie Bros., 55 steers to £7/14/, avg £6/15/.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—A. G. F. Munro, Moree, 18 bullocks to £11/1/, avg £10/14/; T. Cook, Scone, 53 bullocks to £11/12/, avg £10/10/10; C. H. J. Schmidt, Collarendabri, 72 bullocks to £11, avg £9/18/4, 36 cows to £8/10/, avg £7/13/7; J. Donaldson, Delungra, 20 bullocks to £10/3/, avg £8/19/; A. Hudson, 12 cows £7/10/.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., Schute, Bell, and Co., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Tallow.—Prime sorts advanced 5/ to 10/, while medium grades were 15/ and occasionally 20/ per ton higher. Quotations:—Prime mixed, £28 to £28/12/6; good mixed, £26/15/ to £27/15/; medium mixed, £25/5/ to £26/10/; inferior mixed, £22 to £24/15/; broken packages, £21 to £22/10/. 300 casks were offered, and 296 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—All descriptions realised about late rates. Quotations:—Horsehair sold to /27½ per lb; cowhair to /14½; stumps to /9; shanks, round to £8/8/ per ton, flat to £5, ordinary mixed to £4/10/; shins to £9; buttocks to £9; hoofs, white to £13/5/, ordinary mixed £3/10/ to £4; hide pieces to £8; horns to 70/ per 100; beeswax to /12½ per lb.

SALE OF SUFFOLK PUNCHES.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., report having held the usual sale of Mr. A. A. Dangar's station-bred mares, fillies, and geldings from Mooki Springs also a few mares from Baroona. The ages of the mares ranged from 4 years to aged, and the geldings from 4 years to 7 years. There was a great attendance of buyers, and under good competition every animal was sold. The lots were well distributed, some of the best bred ones going to stud owners, and the balance to farmers, carriers, and tradespeople. The growing popularity of this breed was very evident. The 31 mares averaged £42/13/3, and the 23 geldings averaged £42, and the whole draft of 54 head averaged £42/7/8.

COOKERY CLASSES.

Some interesting data with regard to the growth of cookery instruction as associated with the Public school system of the State were submitted by Mr. Hogue, Minister for Public Instruction, on Wednesday, at Paddington.

In 24 centres of the metropolitan and country areas cookery schools have been established in the interests of Public school pupils, and are attended by girls of 12 years of age and over. At each school practical instruction is given to 60 girls a week, while at most of the country schools domestic economy is taught by additional lectures. In many country centres where no cooking classes are attached to the schools, but where technical classes are established, provision is made for the attendance of the pupils at these classes.

Since 1891 teachers of cookery have been trained by the department. In that year the staff consisted of a directress, one senior and two probationary teachers, and four junior assistants. The plant included one permanent kitchen, four portable kitchens, and two sets of utensils for large classes in temporary kitchens, whereas at the present time 24 schools are operating in buildings specially prepared, and provided with equipment of the latest and most approved designs under competent teachers. The total number of pupils of high and Public schools attending classes in 1891 was 757, whilst for the first half of the present year there were 2484. As an incentive to girls to take a keener interest in the work of these schools, and in order to increase the supply of teachers, three scholarships will be awarded annually for competition amongst girls 18 years and over, who have gone through a course of cookery at any of the technical schools, colleges, or Public schools under the department.

The Temora and Corowa Agricultural shows are freely illustrated and described in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

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MUNICIPAL BOOKKEEPING.

CRITICISM AND COMMENDATION.

Mr. C. Hungerford, A.S.I.A., auditor to the Ashfield Council, submitted a report to the council upon the system of municipal bookkeeping in vogue, in which he pointed out some defects in the Government authorised system.

He said it entailed a great deal of bookkeeping, and while in some respects it made for correct accountancy, in others it did not bring about a happy result. The prescribed half-yearly and annual returns confused and defeated their purpose by the vast amount of particular information necessitated. He doubted whether the showing of a balance-sheet and an extensive income and expenditure account in connection with each fund, and, especially, showing them on forms extended to contain printed headings for almost every likely item of every municipality, was serviceable. On the other hand the regulation omitted to require a combined balance-sheet and combined income and expenditure account, which would cover all the funds and show the total position of the municipality in a few figures. These might be published and be useful and intelligible to the ratepayers. Some of the statements at present required were unusual, and not strictly correct in their form. The extension of the general fund, income, and expenditure account to include what was called capital income and expenditure, was altogether unusual, and therefore likely to be misleading. The statement was certainly not a capital account. Capital statement was the excess of assets over liabilities, and was increased by the excess of revenue over expenditure or reduced by the excess of expenditure over revenue. It could also be increased or reduced by direct entries, such, for instance, as the writing-off of revenue credited to it in a previous year. It could not be altered in any other way. Collections of arrears of rates or payments of liabilities did not affect the capital account. It would have been possible to show in a cash account the receipts and payments on account of capital and of revenue, and he was inclined to think that was what the statement was intended to show. The so-called capital account placed before the council showed as expenditure payments in discharge of liabilities from last year, repayments of borrowed money, cash expenditure on stores and plant, also stores and plant not yet paid for. These latter purchases would appear again as expenditure in the next half-yearly statement, if it was made up on the same lines as the present one—an obvious inaccuracy which exposed some mistake in the form of statement.

Speaking broadly, he deemed the new system a great improvement, and in very few cases, or none, could it be a retrogressive step. Further, the improvement would be continued if the department in charge would alter the system and the prescribed returns in those respects in which practice had shown them to be defective. The regulation prescribing the new system was often obscure and incomplete and sometimes inaccurate.

The auditor concluded his report with a tribute to the excellence of the system followed by the council clerk, Mr. Spark, and the correctness of the Ashfield accounts, and he acknowledged the courtesy and attention of that officer. The report was adopted.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space to refer to one aspect of the above subject, which, so far, both at the meetings of the Teachers' Association and in the correspondence which has appeared in the "Herald," has been ignored?

It seems to me that the proposed plan to organise inspection of secondary schools and to register such schools and their teachers only is to propose merely a half-measure which, even if successfully carried out, could never remedy the harm which results in this State from unqualified teaching. We shall never be really in a satisfactory condition as regards education until every teacher in the land, public or private, be registered. Would the public be satisfied if doctors and dentists and nurses who were connected with certain hospitals or institutions only were registered, whilst any quack might practise privately with impunity? If we cannot hope that a whole measure for universal registration may be passed just yet, would it not be better to try to get the kindergartens, primary schools, and private teachers inspected and registered in the first place? We all know what an immense advantage the teacher has into whose hands falls the first training of a child, and if that teacher is incompetent the child's education suffers more or less from the rest of its life, no matter how well qualified its secondary teachers may be. As a rule, secondary schools are better equipped than primary ones, as the teachers who undertake to prepare pupils for the University examinations have generally some qualifications for doing so, whereas the primary school teacher or the private teacher may have no qualification but poverty. We secondary teachers, whether teaching in schools or out of them, all find that a large percentage of the pupils sent to us have not had proper elementary teaching or training in methods of study before they come to us. Personally, I often find that with pupils who come to learn a foreign language I can make no headway until I give them a grounding in English, which, of course, is not in the programme. Many of them cannot even read properly in their mother tongue, they stumble over the words and mispronounce them, while others cannot write even fairly well. What are the primary schools about? Has the teaching of the three Rs gone out of fashion, and is the present happy-go-lucky system an improvement?

Speech-day parades and fancy costumes are all very well in their way, and please a certain class of parents, but, after all, for the foundation of a good education we can hardly get away from these old-fashioned three Rs. In Germany teachers are not registered, and do not need to be, because no one is allowed there to teach without a diploma, which is a guarantee not only that the intending teacher has the necessary knowledge, but has also had the necessary training for the profession. I allude to Germany because, whatever defects the German system may have, it is by a long way the best system of education I know. Here things are different; anyone may teach without let or hindrance, and therefore if a certain check can be brought about to protect the public by means of registration and inspection, why not begin at the lowest rung of the educational ladder? Is it not a selfish and short-sighted policy on the part of the secondary schools to ask for these measures for themselves alone? Are not they the very ones who suffer from the badly taught pupils sent to them from primary schools, or from the hands of incompetent tutors and governesses in the country? The town secondary schools and especially the boarding schools are fed from these sources, and if the primary system has been bad, the secondary system will be heavily handicapped, no matter what advantages it may gain by improved methods of examinations and by registration. Of course the highest ideal is that all teachers should be qualified for their work. To attain to such an ideal would no doubt be difficult, but is it necessarily impossible? Can no educational expert, when so many schemes are under consideration, suggest a plan for the universal registration of teachers similar to that for members of all the other professions?

I am, etc., M. F. HARWOOD.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Electroplate, Furniture, Printers' Jobbing Material, Bamboo Blinds, etc; at 12, Disc Talking Machines, Carpets, etc.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Organs, Sewing Machines, Carpets, Furniture, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2, Clothing, Drapery, Furniture, etc.

GIBBS, SMITH, and CO.—At 112 Mary-street, Surry Hills, at 10.30, Furniture, Corsets, Lace, etc.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS.—At the Rooms, North Sydney, at 11, Furniture, Tools, Ironmongery, Toys, etc.

J. F. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Sundries; at 12.30, Watches, Jewellery, etc; at 3, Gold Chronograph.

BARNARD and CO.—At 140 Castlereagh-street, at 10.30, Piano, Fireproof Safes, Clothing, Furniture, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 93 George-street West, at 2, Clothing, Drapery, Stationery, Jewellery, etc.

D. and W. BAINES.—Corner Allen and Norton streets, Leichhardt, at 2.30, Stock of Groceries, etc.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, and HAWKINS.—At Stewart-street and Ostley-road, Paddington, at 11, Piano, Furniture, Tools, etc.

STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS.—In the Saleroom, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

CO-OPERATIVE WOOL AND PRODUCE COMPANY.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

G. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

C. J. TURNER.—At his Rooms, at 1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, etc; at 1.30, Eggs, Poultry, etc.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Rooms and Yards, at 1, Sucking Pigs, Pork, etc; at 2, Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc; at 2.30, Poultry, etc.

MOSMAN and ELLIS.—At their Saleyards, at 1, Vealers, Porkers, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Eggs, Poultry, Honey, etc.

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J. H. BEALE.—At Camperdown Yards, at 2, Horses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. BARNETT and PUGH.—At 54 City-road, Darlington, at 11, Building Materials, etc.

The double page of this week's "Sydney Mail" is called "History in the Making," a title suggested by several events which are handsomely illustrated.—Advt.

THE LABOUR CONFERENCE.

Marrickville P.L.L. will submit the following resolution at the next conference:—

Amendment of the objective—1. The cultivation of an Australian sentiment based upon the maintenance of racial purity, and the development in Australia of an enlightened and self-reliant community. 2. The nationalisation of the land, the whole sources of production, the means of distribution for the people, and the system of exchange. The ultimate aim to be the complete overthrow of the capitalist and landlord system; to abolish a system which compels one human being to slave for another, one who neither toils nor spins, and substitute in the place of the present anarchistic period the full, equitable, and just rights of mankind, which will mean the quickening and full civilisation of the human race. 3. Referendum of the people as to the question of unification. 4. Members of Parliament to be debarred from taking part in discussions or voting at conference until the abolition of the State system of government has been completed.

MILITARY.

CADET OFFICERS' CONVERSAZIONE.

At the A.B.C. Rooms last evening the New South Wales Senior Cadet and Cadet officers entertained a number of officers from the other regiments and friends at the first annual reunion and conversazione. During the evening a musical programme was rendered by Miss Telfer, the Sydney Vocal Quartet, Mr. H. de Lissa, Miss Maggie Ryan, Mr. W. Con, and Mr. Livingstone Mote. Lieutenant H. S. Burnell Clark presided at the dinner, and Colonel Paul proposed the usual loyal toast. Dancing was indulged in until midnight.

PERSONAL AND MISSING FRIENDS.

M.—Find it hard to write letter; tried to; would like to tell you all. Y.

MATRIMONY.—Bright domestic Girl, earning own living, like make acq. gentleman in good position, Prot., view Matrimony. Home, Haymarket P.O.

MATRIMONY.—Gentleman, English, aged 32, of good family, would like to correspond with Lady, of means, with view to Matrimony. Address No. 785, Herald Office.

WILL HARRY ROBERTS, late of Wollongong, communicate with G. Moore, Bellingen. Something to his advantage.

WORKINGMAN, 54, with little means, like to meet resp. elderly Lady, with a Home or little means, view Matrimony. Address No. 109, Herald Office.

MEETINGS.

BONNIE DUNDEE MINING CO., No Liability.—NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at BARRETT'S HOTEL, NYNGAN, on FRIDAY, the 9th day of OCTOBER, at 8 p.m. BUSINESS: To alter the Rules of the Company by substituting the word "Nyngan" for the word "Cobar" wherever same occurs in said rules. By order of the Board. H. R. TREATT, Legal Manager. Barton-street, Cobar, 29th September, 1908.

MANLY SURF CLUB.—Annual General MEETING TO-NIGHT, at Victoria Hall, Corso. A. W. RELPH, Hon. Sec.

SYDNEY SWIMMING CLUB.—ANNUAL MEETING TO-NIGHT, at Sports Club.

EDUCATIONAL.

A. MISS STONIER (late of Wellesley College), Assisted by competent Professors and Teachers, has Resumed Tuition at ST. HELENS, ROWLEY-STREET, STRATHFIELD. Ensuing Term begins TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th.

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THE SCHOOL, MOUNT VICTORIA.—New quarter, 4th Oct. Prospectus on applic. H. G. Rienits, Prin.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY Oct. 5.—Rickard's Auction, 3 o'c., Coogee Building Sections. Plans, 84B Pitt-st.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF MARRICKVILLE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Plan showing the Permanent Levels of Myra-road is now open for inspection to all persons interested at the Town Hall, Illawarra-road, during business hours. Persons objecting to such Levels are notified that their objections will be heard on MONDAY EVENING, 26th OCTOBER, 1908, at the Town Hall, at 8.30 o'clock. HENRY T. BROWN, Town Clerk. Town Hall, Marrickville, 23rd Sept., 1908.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MR. ALEXANDER COLE, Clairvoyant, can be consulted at his Rooms, 88 Bathurst-street. Hours of attendance, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays excepted; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon only. Mr. COLE will be in attendance at his rooms on MONDAY (EIGHT-HOUR-DAY) as usual.

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CARL ZENO, OCCULTOLOGIST.—Advice, Bus., all matters. Interv. 283 Forbes-st, Dhst., off Oxf.-st.

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NEW SYDNEY.

A GREAT CITY TAKING STOCK.

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WILLIAM-STREET HILL.

The architects have always had a large share in the planning of city improvement schemes. Most commissions of which there are records have included architects; and with the development of modern architecture and building, one step further by the architect brings him to city planning. The first Washington plan was designed by an engineer; but he had the ideas of the planners of the transformation of Paris in the revolutionary period, for the most part engineers, who, in their turn, copied the ideas of the architects and builders of the Grand Monarque's time; the men who planned and built the palaces and parks of Versailles. The modern Washington commission—the one of to-day—included the leading city planner of the United States, Daniel Burnham, an architect, in association with a famous sculptor, the late Augustus St. Gaudens, and a landscape artist, Mr. Olmsted, jun. It was a wise thing to have the architects' institute represented on the Sydney commission.

AN ARCHITECT'S VIEWS.

Mr. Sulman, the first architect called as a witness before the commission, has devoted himself to the study of city improvement for many years past. He is in touch with some of the great modern inprovements in the cities of Britain and Europe, but he has evidently applied his mind seriously to the special problems of Sydney. His views are broad, and practical; but he is not prone to be afraid of suggesting an improvement because it may not seem to be feasible in the immediate future. Mr. Sulman apparently recognises that a city may be forced by the problem of growth to submit to great modifications of the plan, as a river may burst its banks when the floodwaters grow, or force itself into new channels.

THE IDEAL PLAN.

The ideal city plan (which it is admitted we cannot have in Sydney at present) is what the president of the commission described as the "spider-web" as opposed to the "chess-board" system of streets. Mr. Sulman, as early as 1888, suggested this plan as a scheme of persistent and intentional development. As a matter of fact, the cities of New Orleans in the United States and Karlsruhe in Germany had already had this plan, or something approximating to it, in actual operation; and the modern city of Dalny (Port Arthur), planned by Russian engineers and architects, has the same plan. It is claimed that the first plan of ancient Athens was "wheel-shaped," though the rectangular plan ousted it as time went on. If in the modifications which will be suggested in the plan of Sydney, the spider-web or cartwheel idea, is kept constantly in view, the present intricacies of central Sydney's streets may be adjusted in time to what is regarded by these experts as the ideal plan. So it may be that the original formlessness of Sydney, and its growth on the haphazard tracing of the bush track and bullock waggon, may turn out to be a blessing in disguise, while the "chess-board" plan of Melbourne—notwithstanding its spacious main streets—may be a disadvantage in the long run.

THE WOOLLOOMOOLOO ZONE.

Mr. Sulman has a good opinion of the prospects of the commercial development of Woolloomooloo Bay within a reasonable period of time, especially if the suggested schemes are carried out of connecting the bay with the Circular Quay and Darling Harbour by tunnel. "I regard the whole of Woolloomooloo, between William-street and the water," says Mr. Sulman, "as bound to be very greatly improved. It will become a commercial quarter, and the whole place will be rebuilt." In consonance with this view of the future of the Woolloomooloo zone, a widening of William-street will be necessary, as part of the plan for a great east to west avenue, a scheme to overcome the difficulties of the steep Victoria-street end of the street must be devised, a tunnel from the level at the foot of Butler's Stairs to the power-house at Rushcutter Bay is a possibility of future development; and some sort of communication for commercial purposes, round the shores of the harbour, from Circular Quay, via Farm Cove, Mrs. Macquarie's Chair, Woolloomooloo, and Elizabeth Bays should be kept in view.

REMODELLING WILLIAM-STREET.

Mr. Sulman suggests a main eastern and western avenue, and takes William-street and its extensions as the site of the new avenue. This, he considers, would be the least costly of the routes, and the most direct. The main obstacle to this avenue plan is the steep rise at Darlinghurst Hill on the eastern, and the Pyrmont rise on the western side. Both these obstacles, Mr. Sulman proposes to overcome by means of an "open cut." This is the scheme in detail: In order to give access to Darlinghurst, two lanes which now exist on either side of William-street should be widened to a chain width. One of these lanes leads into Rosebank-street, the other is a narrow lane opposite to the commencement of Bayswater-road. These two lanes, widened to streets, and continued to Forbes-street or Bourke-street, and joining William-street "with a curved quadrant at the bottom, would be a fine bit of city planning, and from the aesthetic point of view, would stand without a parallel in the city." So Mr. Sulman says, and few will question his view.

THE OPEN CUT AT WILLIAM-STREET.

The open cut at the top of William-street hill would pass through the block of property between Bayswater-road and Woolcott-street, now occupied by private houses. "I would make the cut clean through to the level of William-street," says Mr. Sulman. "I would retain both Bayswater-road and Woolcott-street (formerly known as Upper William-street), and I would suggest the excavation of a building area and street area between, and resell the area for shops and flat property." The widened street on the eastern side, the continuation of William-street, would then go as far as Ocean-street. In a further consideration of this scheme, Mr. Sulman suggested a modification of his original proposal on the lines of the Posilipo tunnel at Naples, or the tunnel under the Quirinal Hill and the King's Palace, Rome. "Make the William-street level from, say, Bourke-street or Forbes-street to Victoria-street," he says, "and then put a tunnel through of ample size to the point on the other side of the hill, where Woolcott-street and Bayswater-road meet—the hotel corner."

VICTORIA-STREET BRIDGE.

Buildings would be erected on the strip of land between the two new streets, "flanking the cutting right and left of the cutting itself," and those buildings would have access on both sides. The ground floor level on the William-street side, at the Victoria-street end, would be below the back access from the proposed new flanking streets. Thus the buildings would have two ground floors, which could be used for shops, with flats above them. Mr. Sulman has propounded a scheme which is, at any rate, a starting point for a discussion by experts of the methods of overcoming the difficulty which the William-street hill presents to the traffic, and the inter-communication between parts of the city. One of the greatest disadvantages of our site contours—picturesque though they be—is the severance which the hills cause between important sections of the city. This is the whole problem of the improvement of Sydney, of any city—communication. It seems an absurdity that engineering skill could not obviate the necessity of the traffic between the harbour end of Ocean-street and the Circular Quay, having to go around by Oxford-street as the easiest, and therefore, in the end, the nearest way.

PICTURESQUE AND PRACTICAL.

If our "great dividing ranges," such as William-street hill, Prymont hill, and Park-street rise, can be overcome by devices which will be equally picturesque and practical, Sydney will be unique in the world's cities. Naples and Genoa, which are largely built on the sides of steep hills, have overcome some of their difficulties in the way proposed by Mr. Sulman, and their picturesqueness still strikes the visitor. Indeed, Naples is a city of cuttings; and Rome, "the seven-hilled city," has unfortunately had some of its most picturesque hills levelled. Of all the features of Sydney which strike the stranger, Argyle Cut is certainly the foremost. It has all the picturesqueness of some parts of old Edinburgh, in the environs of the famous castle, or of Salsburg or Gibraltar.

THE WESTERN END OF THE AVENUE.

Having furnished a starting point for the development of the eastern end of the new avenue, Mr. Sulman attacks the hill at the Park-street end of William-street, and proposes an easier grade past Yurong-street to College-street. Instead of following the southern twist which Park-street takes from Elizabeth-street, he would preserve the right line of William-street to George-street. This means the straightening of that belt of Park-street, and allows it to continue its course without curving into the Town Hall. The street width could be maintained by taking down the Town Hall railings, and modifying the northern steps of the Centennial Hall. This leads into Druitt-street, which would be widened until the "take-off" for the Darling Harbour viaduct is reached. This viaduct is to cross the filled-up end of Darling Harbour, which Mr. Sulman, in company with all the experts, favours. This filling in seems to be the sine qua non of a very extensive and very valuable improvement, which, if carried out on the Commission's recommendation, would alone justify the time occupied in hearing evidence and deliberating, involving as it does the removal of that colossal blunder, the Pyrmont Bridge, the improvement of wharfage facilities, the connection of east and west by a main avenue and viaduct, and the creation of an improved area on the reclaimed land; besides, in all probability, returning a handsome profit.

RATING OF RECTORIES.

A MAGISTERIAL DECISION.

ALBURY, Thursday.

At the Municipal Appeal Court to-day Mr. Fletcher, police magistrate, gave an important decision regarding liability of church property to assessment. The authorities of St. Matthew's Church took exception to rates being imposed on the rectory, contending that the building, being used in connection with church purposes, was not liable.

The magistrate decided in favour of the council. In giving this decision he said: There is, of course, a distinction between lands occupied by churches and land used in connection with churches. What is meant by land used in connection with churches? In all the opinions and decisions I have seen summarised in the newspapers it seems to be assumed that rectories are built on land used in connection with churches. My opinion is that the words "used in connection with churches" mean exclusively or solely used, e.g., the church grounds. The argument upheld in the Corporation of Sydney versus Sydney Agricultural Society seems to apply here. It will be remembered that the words "land reserved for health, recreation, and amusement of the public" were held to mean exclusively reserved, and only then there is an exemption from taxation. Now, is the rectory land so exclusively used? It would seem that generally speaking the only connection between the church and the rectory land is that the man who officiates in the church resides on the rectory land. I consider that the land is mainly used for the domestic life of the clergyman and his family, and even if he does some work in connection with the church he, like other men, has his own private affairs to manage and his private life to live, and this is done on the land on which the rectory is built. For the above reasons, I must hold that the rectory land at Albury is rateable.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY.

NEW KNIGHTS' ORDERS PRESENTED.

BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Governor-General spent a busy afternoon yesterday. At a quarter to 3 o'clock he attended at Parliament House, and read the Commonwealth Parliament's Address in Reply. At a quarter-past 3 he presided over an investiture ceremony at Government House, and at a few minutes to 5 he was en route to Sydney by the express.

The investiture at Government House lost something of a spectacle through being hurried. There was a sparse attendance in the ballroom of a few friends and relatives of the recipients, and a handful of representatives of the different orders, including Sir John Forrest, Sir Henry Wrixon, Sir William Zeal, Sir Philip Fysh, Sir Wm. Lyne, and Sir Geo. Jenkins. The representatives of the orders faced the dais on which Lord Dudley was seated, preceded by the chamberlain, and supported by Sir Henry Wrixon and Sir William Zeal (both in Court dress). Sir Pope Alexander Cooper (also in Court dress) bowed his way to the dais, where his Excellency rose and placed the collar of the order of St. Michael and St. George round the recipient's neck, and pinned the star to his breast. Having been invested with the insignia the recipient knelt while the usual admonition was read. Sir Pope Alexander Cooper rose, Lord Dudley shook hands with him. Mr. Callan handed across the warrant, and the new K.C.M.G. retired, bowing, with his supporters. Sir Thomas Bent was next announced. He looked pale, and had as supports Sir Wm. Lyne and Sir Philip Fysh, all three in official dress. There was only one departure in the ceremony. This time his Excellency gave the accolade (which is a slight blow on each shoulder, with the flat blade of a sword), with Captain Hore-Ruthven's sword, saying, "Rise, Sir Thomas." Sir Pope Alexander Cooper was already a Knight Bachelor, and in his case the sword was not required. Sir Thomas retired without having opened his lips once. Mr. Thompson, who is the financial member of the Military Board, was supported by Dr. Wollaston, I.S.O., Comptroller-General of Customs, and Mr. J. M. Reed, I.S.O. (Surveyor-General). His Excellency pinned the I.S.O. order to his breast, shook hands with him, and the ceremony was over.

A little more than an hour later the Governor-General and his staff left for Sydney by the express. His Excellency will remain in New South Wales during the Randwick spring race meeting, and will return to Melbourne on October 15. The same evening he will leave in H.M.S. Challenger for Fremantle, where he will join Lady Dudley and their children, on the R.M.S. Ortona.

MASTER CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE DARLING HARBOUR COMPLAINT.

The annual meeting of the Master Carriers' Association was held on Wednesday. The president, Mr. James M'Mahon, occupied the chair.

The secretary (Mr. Cole) submitted the annual report, which showed that the year was, from a purely association point of view, the most successful of its existence. The most gratifying feature had been the large increase of membership. The roll of members had increased from 35 at the last annual meeting to 89. During the year a schedule of rates for both heavy and light carrying had been adopted. This step was forced upon the trade by the united attitude of the employees and the enforcement of their demand by law. Within the 12 months a uniform dinner hour at the wharfs had at last been attained.

A report reached the association that the Railway Commissioners proposed closing Darling Harbour goods shed at an earlier hour. A deputation waited on the Chief Commissioner to protest against such a course. Opportunity was also taken to draw attention to the great delays experienced and totally inadequate provision made for receiving goods at the railway.

Mr. Johnson assured the deputation that he would not consent to close the sheds earlier, and that he would cause better facilities to be made for the receipt of goods. But the committee regretted that there had been no improvement in loading facilities, but the reverse, also the opening time at the receiving yards had been postponed until 9 o'clock in the morning. At present the association was in communication with the Railway Commissioner on the subject. Another matter that required attention in the coming year was the disgraceful delays that occurred in the receipt of cargo at the coastal and interstate wharfs.

In March last a general cessation of work was narrowly averted owing to the attitude adopted by the Trolly and Draymen's Association in connection with the coastal steamship employees' strike, and it must be admitted that a large share of credit was due to the Master Carriers' Association in taking the initiative in bringing all the affected employing bodies together, with the result that the dispute was finally settled on terms satisfactory to the employers.

The committee's recommendation in regard to a paid secretary was adopted as follows:—"That a paid secretary be appointed for a period of six months at a salary of £4 per week, such salary to include office rent, and that the subscription be altered for the ensuing six months to the following scale:—1 to 5 horses, 3s 6d per month; 6 to 25 horses, 5s per month; 26 to 50 horses, 6s 6d per month; 51 and over, 8s per month.

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Under the Black Ball.—This is the nineteenth chapter in the "Sydney Mail" of a thrilling narrative by a Government Agent concerning the kanaka recruiting traffic carried on by Queensland in years gone by. There are illustrations in another part of the paper.—Advt.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker took the chair yesterday afternoon at half-past four.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The PREMIER, in reply to Mr. Cohen, said he had informed the Dental Board, as a matter of courtesy, that their regulation purporting to allow dentists to put after their names, L.D.S., was ultra vires. If the board did not recognise it as a courtesy the Government would use its powers to enforce the law. In reply to Mr. Gilbert, he said the Amending Local Government Bill would validate the municipal assessments affected by a recent decision in the District Court, and would be made retrospective. In reply to Mr. Fell, he said that Australian wines were carried on the railways at a low rate in order to aid in the development of the industry. In reply to Mr. Scobie, he said that section 39 of the Old-age Pensions Act provided,—"It shall not be lawful for any licensed publican to knowingly supply to any person receiving a pension under this Act any fermented or spirituous liquor, and any person convicted of an offence under this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £10."

The TREASURER, in reply to Mr. Morton, said surveys had been made with the object of providing a new double line on a 1 in 80 grade between Waterfall and Otford. This scheme would have the effect of cutting out five tunnels, and would get rid of the tunnel ventilation difficulty, so far as the Helensburgh tunnel was concerned.

The MINISTER FOR MINES, in reply to Mr. Estell, said his attention had been drawn to a statement that one day last week the men in the Lymington coal mine were withdrawn owing to ineffective ventilation. He was inquiring into the matter.

BUDGET DEBATE.

The budget debate was resumed in committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. JAMES congratulated the Treasurer upon the finances of the State being in such a sound position. He ridiculed the idea put forward by Mr. McGowen that the surplus on the consolidated revenue account should be utilised for wiping out the deficiency account, because that would merely amount to a process of retiring one part of the loan indebtedness while further loans would have to be raised to carry on public works and provide funds for closer settlement. It was clear from Mr. Fell's remarks concerning travelling stock reserves that Mr. Fell had little country experience, else he would have known that a number of the reserves were not used for the purpose for which they were intended, and that a number of reservations were revoked because they were not necessary. He had been advised that on and after January 1 next the Railway Commissioners intended to introduce a very low rate for the carriage of store stock.

Mr. DACEY, referring to the closer settlement policy, said there was only one way to get at large estates, and that was by a graduated land tax, so as to make it unprofitable to hold them. The whole system of buying up these estates was an imposition on the public. What gratification was there for passing the property vote year after year when they were told by the highest financial authority in the land that it was thrown away, and that it only kept a number of men loafing about the country.

Mr. PARKES expressed the view that there was a certain danger in regard to too great an extension by the Government of business undertakings. The Government was dealing with the Rocks area in an unbusinesslike way. Small tenements were being erected for waterside workers on 30ft frontages that were worth £30 a foot. The only profitable way to deal with that valuable property would be to erect great warehouses. If the present system were continued it would end in a great loss. In regard to electric traction, the State should make use of the five great rivers which converged on the County of Cumberland instead of maintaining steam power-houses at enormous cost. Then there should be a zone system of electric railways right round the suburbs. A system of canals connecting with the harbour was another scheme that was practical. In that way all the haulage from the country would stop at Granville, and be conveyed cheaply by water. By these means at the back of the city could be created a great manufacturing centre. He thought the Chief Railway Commissioner too worthy a man to be abused for the sake of abuse such as Mr. Fell's. But Mr. Johnson was not so courageous an administrator as he represented to the public. It was a wrong thing for Mr. Johnson to say that if he was compelled to supply information to members of Parliament he would resign. The Chief Commissioner should be brought down to his position as administrator pure and simple, and should manage the railways under the instruction of the Minister. Under the land value system of taxation many municipalities, where there were large areas of unoccupied land, were in a remarkable position. The vacant land, often being used as market gardens, had to bear the burden of taxation for improvements in the comparatively crowded and small area. He urged an amendment of the Local Government Act to provide relief for necessitous councils.

Progress was reported.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

The PREMIER moved,—"That unless otherwise ordered, on each Tuesday during the remainder of the present session, Government business only shall be taken after 7 o'clock p.m."

Mr. M'GOWEN opposed the proposal to take away from private members so early in the session the only night they had in the week.

The PREMIER, by concurrence, substituted for the words "Government business only" "Government business to take precedence of all other business."

The motion, as amended, was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 11.40 p.m. till Tuesday at half-past 4.

SOCIALISTIC BROKEN HILL.

TOM MANN'S MISSION.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Tom Mann arrived at Broken Hill yesterday, and was officially welcomed by the Mayor (Alderman Ivey) at the Town Hall. Mr. W. D. Barnett, secretary of the A.M.A., said that Mr. Mann had been invited to Broken Hill for organising purposes. An active organising compaign was proposed.

Mr. Edwards, Barrier Labour Federation, said that Mr. Mann's visit had a deeper significance than a numerical strengthening of the unions. That was an important aspect; but it had also a deep educational complexion. The unionists of the Barrier had now recognised the evils of the present capitalistic system; they were adopting the principles of socialism.

Mr. Mann, in reply, said he hoped Broken Hill would not expect to find in him one who would contribute one iota to any faction. He would do his best to uphold the dignity of the whole Labour movement by quiet, solid, dignified behaviour, in order to achieve the higher and nobler state of affairs. The party was not opposed to anything outside of injustice. His mission was largely educational, and he would endeavour to achieve that result in the economic anticipation of the workers.

REDUCTION OF MAIL SERVICES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I notice from your Queanbeyan correspondence that Mr. Austin Chapman has received a communication from the Postmaster-General to the effect that it is not intended to reduce inland mail services, that the policy of the department is to increase rather than reduce postal facilities. Surprise is expressed that the feeling should have got abroad that reductions were intended. Well, I have no hesitation in saying that this is a deliberate attempt to fool the people concerned, as the department makes no secret of the fact that it is intended to reduce the cost of conveyance of mails, and this can only be done by cutting down the services. Already on several routes where contracts recently expired the new contracts are for reduced services, and this will be the policy right through, unless the people bestir themselves in time. It does not require any great perspicacity to realise that, if all the mail services are to be self-supporting, the country routes cannot fail to be seriously affected, thus adding another burden to the people on the land.

I am, etc.,
J. FITZPATRICK.

Junee, Sept. 30.

LOCKING RAILWAY CARRIAGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Travelling down to Sydney yesterday from Orange, I, together with several others, was both surprised and annoyed at the foolish locking of the doors on the arrival of the train at Bathurst and Mount Victoria by the ticket collectors, seeing that only a very limited time is allowed at the above-mentioned stations for refreshments. Surely something could be done by the authorities to mitigate this needless waste of valuable minutes, there being none too much time allowed for refreshments, even without this unnecessary delay, which is irritating in the extreme.

I am, etc.,
CHARLES A. ROBERTS.

Oct. 1.

The welcome to Sir John and Lady Fay at Berry is the subject of three pages of pictures and a special article in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

SLOW GOVERNMENT ACTION.

YERRANDERIE, Tuesday.

Twelve months ago the Government announced in the "Gazette" that it had resumed an area of 30 acres in the centre of this progressive silver-lead mining field, for the purpose of establishing thereon a mining township. Building operations and projects were at once brought to a standstill, owing to this action of the Government. The inhabitants have now become incensed at the slowness of the Government in fulfilling the object of the resumption. The delay is seriously retarding the progress of this now well-established mining settlement. The Church of England and the Roman Catholic sections of the community have both money in hand towards the erection of their respective churches, but cannot proceed owing to the delay of the Government in dealing with the resumed area. Close on £100 has been assured as a result of a meeting which the Roman Catholic members of the community held on Tuesday last for the purpose of starting a church building fund.

THE HOSPITALS.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

Miss Lyne, of Wollongong, has been appointed matron of the hospital.

THE CHURCHES.

LISMORE, Thursday.

A butterfly fair in aid of the Methodist Church building fund was opened last night in the Federal Hall by the Mayoress

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

At the Dominican Convent yesterday the ceremony of the reception of the order of St. Dominic was performed by Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland. The young ladies received were:—Misses Kate Carey (Tamworth), May Watt (Newcastle), Keohan (Hay), Dawson (Sydney), Gertrude Halloran (Tumut).

NET FISHING IN THE MURRAY.

ALBURY, Thursday.

The municipal council has decided to urge the Fisheries Department to secure a proclamation for the prohibition of the use of nets in the Murray River, its tributaries and lagoons, within an area of 15 miles of the town of Albury; also to ask the co-operation of the Victorian Government.

AN ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY.

MILLTHORPE, Thursday.

On Sunday night the home of Mr. P. Dempsey, of Brown's Creek, was broken into. The intruder gained an entrance through a window that was left unfastened. In the room there was a box containing about £30 worth of jewellery, and an amount of cash, which were fortunately overlooked by the burglar.

CIRCUIT COURTS.

DUBBO, Thursday.

The Circuit Court opened before Mr. Justice Simpson yesterday. Dr. Waddell was Crown Prosecutor. Only one case went to the jury. John William Gillan, a middle-aged man, shearer, was charged with assaulting William Vincent, with intent to rob him, at North Bourke, on August 21. The Crown Prosecutor said that the Crown was not prepared to go on, owing to the absence of Vincent. It appeared that the case was committed to the Bourke Quarter Sessions on October 30; Vincent not being notified of the change of venue. Accused consenting, the case was postponed to the Bourke Quarter Sessions of the above date. Accused was granted bail in own recognisance, £25. James Patrick Codey, a half-caste Chinese, pleaded guilty to fraudulently misappropriating £16, the money of James Barkell and another, at Gilgandra. He was agent for Bennett and Barkell, selling bicycles, and failed to account for the money, there being nearly £40 deficiency. Accused paid £3, and said he would make restitution whatever sentence might be passed. His Honor said he hoped he would keep his promise. This could not alter the sentence, which would be 15 months hard labour in Bathurst Gaol. Joseph Dargin, full-blooded aboriginal, was charged with breaking and entering the dwelling of Augustus Hardy, at Dandaloo, on the morning of September 13, with intent to steal. Evidence showed that while he was drunk he forced his way into the house. At the time Hardy was away shearing. He burst the lock of Mrs. Hardy's bedroom door, falling into the room, and forcing the woman to take refuge with a neighbour with a baby. The case turned on a question of intent. The jury acquitted prisoner, who was defended by Mr. Manning. William Phillips, on a charge of assault, was remanded till next sitting of the Cobar Quarter Sessions, to enable prisoner to make application for counsel.

WAGGA, Thursday.

The Circuit Court opened before Justice Pring yesterday. Mr. H. B. Bignold was Crown Prosecutor. John Alexander was charged with maliciously setting fire to the dwelling of Thomas William Lindbeck, at Lockhart, on July 30, and on a second count with setting fire to a quantity of bed clothing, a toilet cover, and chest of drawers. At the conclusion of the Crown case his Honor directed the jury to acquit accused, as there was no evidence to connect him with the fire. A verdict of not guilty was accordingly returned.

BURRAGA, Thursday.

A shop, occupied by Mr. J. F. Trathen, news agent, in the main street, was completely destroyed by fire last night. Nothing was saved. It was insured in the South British Company. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

BALLINA, Thursday.

Mr. Thurlow, president of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Thurlow are at present on a tour of the district.

A musical society has been formed with the following officers:—President, Mr. A. R. Best; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Bagot and A. Towns; secretary, Mr. W. R. Morris; conductor, Professor E. B. Wall; accompanist, Miss H. Dearberg.

CESSNOCK, Thursday.

A public meeting was held on Monday evening for the purpose of preparing a petition for presentation to the Minister with the object of urging him to resume the land known as Brown's Ground for a park.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The Lismore Rowing Club held a smoke social last night in celebration of the opening of the new boatshed. Mr. G. Nesbitt, president of the club, presided.

Miss L. Deer, of the Glebe Superior Public School, has been appointed mistress of the newly-formed infants' department of the Lismore district school.

MOREE, Thursday.

Mr. W. C. Moodie, solicitor, was entertained at the Council-chambers by friends, and presented with a gold chain, gold sovereign case, and silver cigar box, on the occasion of his approaching marriage. The Mayor (Alderman Crane) presided.

Mr. Lunn, head master of the Public school at Brucedale, has been appointed to the school at Mogo—not to the Moruya Public School, as previously reported.

THE BALLARAT TRAGEDY.

STRUGGLE FOR A REVOLVER.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At the Ballarat Supreme Court to-day Albert Cartledge was charged with having murdered his wife, Ellen McPhee Cartledge, at Grant-street, Ballarat East, on September 19. Accused pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Gurner, in opening the case for the Crown, said that the evidence would show that although Cartledge was under the influence of liquor he was not actually drunk. Feeling that his wife had encouraged their son to steal could not reasonably be adduced as a motive or provocation, because it was a comparatively old grievance. It was not recent enough to provoke him to murder. If the act was not premeditated it was manslaughter.

Accused said that for some time he and his wife had not got on well together. The fault was chiefly his. He would have allowed things to rest, but for the sake of his children. He did not want to reflect on his wife, but his solicitor told him he must tell everything. On the night before the tragedy his wife told him that his son Leslie had got into trouble for stealing butter. When he returned from a football match he caught his wife by the wrist and told her that she had disgraced her sex, and that he would trouble her no more. He took hold of his revolver to use it on himself, but the thought of leaving the children made him change his mind. He went to the yard and pulled the trigger six times, but only one barrel discharged. Thinking it was the only one in the revolver he returned to the house to go to bed. He proceeded to put the revolver on top of the wardrobe in its customary place, but before he did so his wife grabbed at it, and it went off. When he saw his wife covered in blood he was so shocked that he did not know what he said or did afterwards. His wife's death had greatly grieved him.

The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter, and Cartledge was remanded for sentence.

A NEW ZEALAND TRAGEDY.

CABINET'S RECOMMENDATION.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

In regard to the Westport manslaughter case the Cabinet has decided to recommend the Governor to remit the balance of the sentence on Hallinen and Andersen, who were sentenced to seven years for the murder of a man named Burke at Westport, one Connolly having confessed to being responsible for the death of Burke.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE WOOL SALES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The wool sales opened to-day, 23,476 bales being offered. Never before had buyers had such a large selection set before them. Buyers were in attendance in full force, and not a vacant space was to be seen. Competition was keen, and most wool went to the Continent. For best wools prices were fully 3d per lb lower than at the opening auction 12 months ago, while faulty sorts were even more than this down. About the usual percentage of the offerings was sold.

THE BUDGET.

Owing to the indisposition of the Treasurer the Budget speech, which was to have been delivered this afternoon, has been postponed till Tuesday next.

ALLEGED BIGAMY.

Mr. Justice Gordon to-day heard a petition by Emja Hedwig Ziem (nee Seibert), of Freeling, for the dissolution of her marriage with Carl Ludwig Friedacah Ziem, on the grounds of desertion, misconduct, and bigamy. There was no appearance of the respondent. The petition set out that the parties were married at Pinkerton's Plains in 1892. Respondent deserted his wife in 1901. On or about July 8, 1902, he went through a form of marriage with Catherine Caffrey, of M'Laren Vale, and on various occasions cohabited with her. Miss Caffrey (co-respondent) stated that respondent represented to her that he was a single man, and that his name was Ziemens. After the form of marriage she and respondent lived at Horsham for three months, then for a little while in Melbourne, and afterwards at Fremantle. While in Western Australia, within a year of the supposed marriage, respondent deserted her. He left to look for work, and as she never saw him again she returned home to her father at M'Laren Vale.

The R.M.S. Victoria, of the P. and O. line, the outgoing mail steamer, berthed at the outer harbour to-day, being the first of the line to do so. Henceforth the mails boats of this company will use the harbour.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATION.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SENATE.

PROPOSAL FOR ALTERATION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the House of Representatives Sir John Forrest brought forward a proposal to divide the States into three electorates for the election of senators instead of the whole State voting as one division of the Commonwealth as at present. He moved,—"That with the object of securing to a much greater extent than at present a representation in the Senate of members personally known to and identified with the electors they represent, and in order to terminate at once a system which must be found more inequitable and impracticable, especially in the larger States, as population increases, the time has arrived when under the powers given to Parliament by section 7 of the Constitution the system hitherto in force of having one electorate for the whole of each State for the election of senators should cease; and that the following be substituted:—That for elections for senators each State be divided into three electorates, each electorate returning two senators in the case of a general election in which the whole six senators are to be elected, and one senator each in the case of the periodical elections for the Senate."

At present, he said, men absolutely unknown to the great majority of the electors of a State were sent to the Senate—machine-made senators elected on the party ticket. Under his proposal there would be representatives of three distinct parties; and the metropolitan districts would not have control of the whole of the elections of each State, as they had now, owing to the bulk of the population being contained therein.

Mr. Willis: There would have to be proportionate representation.

Sir John Forrest: That would not affect the matter.

Mr. Wilson: But it would. Sydney, for instance, would have to have two representatives to the country's one.

Sir John Forrest dealt with his subject at some length, after which consideration was postponed.

NAVIGATION BILL.

SENATE AGREES TO SECOND READING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The second reading of the Navigation Bill was proceeded with in the Senate to-day.

Senator Needham supported the bill, claiming that their first consideration should be Australia; and the British Empire next. He thought that provision was needed to make it compulsory for all liners to be equipped with wireless telegraphy.

Senator St. Ledger was of opinion that with the bill the Government was aiming a blow at British shipping.

Senator Gray said he was of the same opinion as Mr. Lloyd George, who when president of the Board of Trade had said that in all probability the bill would to a certain extent tend to drive British ships out of Australia.

In reply, Senator Best denied that the bill was anti-British, and favoured foreigners as against Englishman. He ridiculed the arguments put forward that the improvements required in vessels by the bill would be costly. Except on vessels which were insanitary, the improvements had only to be effected on vessels to be built. The second reading of the bill was agreed to, and the House went into committee.

Clauses one to four were agreed to without amendment.

Progress was reported on clause five, and the House, at ten minutes to 10 o'clock adjourned till to-morrow.

ACTION BY LABOUR PARTY.

The Federal Labour party met again in caucus to-day, and resumed consideration of the Federal Navigation Bill. After a discussion, lasting over two hours, it was resolved to ask the committee previously appointed to examine the measure and compare it with the one introduced to the last Parliament, and to draw up in a distinct form what the discussion had shown to be the general desire of the party.

NAMING A COMPANY.

THE WORD "IMPERIAL."

LEGISLATION IN VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A bill relating to the name, style, or title of companies has been introduced into the Legislative Council by Mr. Davies. The measure provides that no company, association, or partnership, the name, style, or title of which includes the words "Empire" or "Imperial," shall be registered in Victoria as a company, unless the consent of the Governor-in-Council is given. This consent shall not be granted to a company, whether incorporated in Victoria or elsewhere, if in the opinion of the Governor-in-Council the use of the word "Empire" or "Imperial" by the company would imply or convey the impression that the company was wholly or partly authorised or supported by or connected with his Majesty's Government in England or Victoria, or any part of his Majesty's dominions.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

CROSSING A WIRE FENCE.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

At the inquest on the body of R. R. Doyle, Moore Park, Moor Creek, it was stated that deceased was found dead in a paddock some distance from home. He was lying in a pool of blood, alongside a wire fence, one leg being over the top wire, and a Winchester rifle, with one cartridge discharged, lying near at hand. A short distance away was a horse deceased had been riding. The bullet-wound was under deceased's chin, and at the top of the head. The circumstances pointed to the opinion that deceased, having dismounted, had gone shooting, and when returning to the horse accidentally discharged the weapon while crossing the fence. A verdict of accidental death was recorded. A widow and family of three are left. Deceased was 59 years of age.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

STATEMENTS AT THE TRADES HALL.

Some time back the Labour Council wrote asking the Labour members to receive a deputation from the council on the subject of the unemployed. A reply to this request read at last night's meeting of the council, stated that the Labour members would send a deputation to the council.

Several delegates referred to the great number of unemployed at Barren Jack and Broken Hill, and it was stated that thousands of men at these places were "homeless, houseless, bootless, and foodless." Some exception was taken to the Labour members' attitude, and it was remarked that as soon as a man obtained a seat in Parliament he devoted too much time to politics and too little to industrial matters. It was agreed, however, to accept the offer.

QUEENSLAND.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Home Secretary's Department has now dealt with the greater part of the applications for old age pensions. Three thousand five hundred and fifty-two will be paid. In all the department had 5320 claims, of which 512 were rejected; while 1256 still await further inquiry. It is calculated that about half of the three thousand who are claiming indigence allowances have been placed on the old age pensions list. The expenditure will be close on £15,000 a year.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES BILL.

The Home Secretary stated yesterday that there was every intention of introducing the amending Local Authorities Bill in the coming session. It would be much on the lines of that introduced but not passed last session. He had, however, told a recent conference that there would be no objection to including several new proposals made, and this would probably be done.

The question of finances appears to be the only obstacle to the establishment of the inebriates' institution.

The attention of the Government has been directed towards the quarantine station at Peel Island.

Nothing is likely to be done in regard to the petition for the release of Keniff until Mr. Kidston returns. The Home Secretary considers the matter to be too important to be dealt with except by a full Cabinet.

CLAIM FOR INCOME TAX.

In the Central Small Debts Court yesterday the Commissioner for Income Tax claimed £13 16s 10d from John Bowie Wilson, of Hunter's Hill, Sydney, in respect of income tax for 1907, payable on April, 1908, and penalty for late payment.

Mr. Stumm, who appeared for the Crown, said that he wished to have the case withdrawn, as the summons was not endorsed, as it should have been, having regard to the fact that defendant was residing outside the jurisdiction of the court.

Mr. Lukin gave some of the objections raised by defendant to the jurisdiction of the court, the principal which was that defendant had left Mount Morgan last year, and since then had been domiciled in New South Wales. Therefore he was not required to make a return under the Income Tax Act, and was not liable to be taxed.

The Bench, after further argument, decided to allow the withdrawal of the case, and not grant costs.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Mr. Lennon, M.L.A., presented a petition to the Home Secretary this afternoon praying for the release of John Howard Whelan, formerly accountant in the Railway Department at Townsville, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Townsville on a charge of embezzlement. There were between 400 and 500 signatures to the petition, mostly of Townsville residents. Of the sentence 15 months has been served.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CONDEMNED.

ABHORRENCE OF BOXING CONTESTS.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Australian general meeting of the Society of Friends was continued yesterday afternoon and evening in Leisure Hall at the Friends' High School. At the afternoon sitting the chairman of the committee of the Friends' High School reported that the affairs in connection with the school were in a satisfactory condition. The kindred subjects of capital punishment and prison reform were considered. A minute condemning the practice of capital punishment was passed, and a minute was passed expressing the opinion that the prison methods should aim less at punishment, and more at the permanent reform of offenders than heretofore. The attitude of the Society of Friends towards what is known as the labour movement was discussed, and a minute passed expressing sympathy with every endeavour to give effect to the exhortation, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." The question of professional boxing contests having been brought forward, a minute stating the abhorrence of the meeting with regard to such contests, and recommending that the matter be brought before the councils of the Churches and different States was recorded. At the evening session foreign mission work was considered, satisfactory reports on the subject being read and adopted.

THE CHURCH OF TO-DAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I was much impressed by a paragraph in your leader of October 1, under the heading of "The Church of To-day," wherein you say: "May we not believe that the real spirit of Christianity is at work in ways and along channels unrecognised by the Church? Is not the existing social unrest, with an ever-extending effort by legislation, by charitable enterprise, and by honest thought in many directions, at once an expression of faith in Christianity? And are not reformers, in some cases outside the Church, dragging the Church after them?" Of course, if we were to judge the spread and effect of Christianity by the comparative fewness of those who attend any place of worship, we might be disposed to look upon it in a rather gloomy light; but, as your leader suggests, the beneficial effects of Christianity are to be seen in an "ever-extending effort of legislation, by charitable enterprise, and by honest thought in many directions." Undoubtedly we must regret the lack of public worshippers, because it would appear as though there were a want of interest in the Church as an institution. For we cannot forget the great work which the Church has been doing during the past centuries in civilised countries, and its almost gigantic work in missionary efforts in what are called the dark places of the earth; and it does seem a pity that there should be such a lack of interest in that Church which has been so beneficial to humanity in the world's history. At the same time the Church must not take too gloomy a view of the position, and, Elijah-like, say, "I only am left," forgetful of the "7000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

Is it possible that the Church is in any way responsible for this apparent lack of interest in her welfare? We must always bear in mind that the Church was made for man—not man for the Church—and in that aspect she must be careful not to stagnate. Truth is unalterable, but in all things we are but seekers after truth. In the seen universe this has always been the attitude taken by philosophers in all generations—the astronomer as he travels through space amidst the millions of solar systems, or the geologist who seeks to unearth the wonders of this little world of ours; they are seeking after that which is unalterably true; and in so doing have time after time had to acknowledge that their conceptions of truth had been wrong.

This is where many think that the Church has erred; she has been satisfied with past attainments in the region of truth; and has not placed herself in a receptive state for further revelations of truth. One great principle of Christianity is growth; and that, as the Creator of the Universe has only gradually enlightened man (through man's untiring research) as regards the wonders of creation, so it was intended that man should search out the things of the unseen or spiritual. Doubtless many able and devoted men in the Church, amongst her bishops, archbishops, and clergymen of all denominations, have hesitated to take the initiative in this progressive movement lest it should shake the faith of many. However well meant, this is a false position, for, as one said of old, "We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." Truth seeks for and can bear the light of the most searching investigation. This want of receptiveness on the part of the Church in the region of research after truth accounts in measure for what you suggest in your leader "an ever-existing social unrest, with an ever-extending effort by legislation, by charitable enterprise, and by honest thought in many directions, which is an expression of faith in Christianity."

That is to say that, whilst some think that "never was the Church more potently and effectively resisted," yet that outside of the Elijah spirit of opposition and resistance there are the "7000" who are, by legislation and various social reforms, doing the Samaritan work of Christianity.

The point at issue is this—that many men are not opposed to Christianity as taught by Jesus Christ, but they cannot give their assent to various dogmas and creeds taught by the Church now which may have been useful in the past ages, but which are opposed to the spirit of Christ which is in them in these more enlightened times in the world's history. When the Church is prepared to face the fact that whilst truth is unalterable we are but searchers after truth, and that any stagnation on this point means ultimate decay, then, but not till then, will she wield that force and power amongst men as intended by Him who is The Truth.

I am, etc.,
SCRIVEN.

WALMER.

Mrs. John Mearns, Walmer P.O., via Wellington, N.S.W., writes:—"I have used Dr. Sheldon's New Discovery, and have derived great benefit from one bottle, after taking the second bottle I was completely cured. I have much pleasure in recommending it to my friends."

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NAREMBURN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

OPENING ADDITIONS.

Mr. J. A. Hogue (Minster for Public Instruction) formally opened the additions recently made to the Public school buildings at Naremburn. There was a large attendance of residents, and the Minister and Mrs. Hogue were received by Mr. David Fell, M.L.A., the officers of the Parents' Association, the headmaster (Mr. W. F. Clemens), and his staff, the Mayor of Willoughby (Alderman G. F. Bailey), and other prominent residents.

The additions consist of a large assembly hall and three classrooms, and have been erected at a cost of nearly £2000. Additional accommodation has been provided for 160 scholars, the roll of the school now numbering 650 pupils.

On entering the hall, Master Clem. Quinn, on behalf of the scholars, in an address committed to memory, cordially welcomed the Minister, and Mr. Hogue briefly responded. He characterised the address as further evidence of the influence of school life on the child.

Mr. G. Gardyne (president of the Parents' Association) read apologies from Mr. Dugald Thomson, M.P., the Rev. D. Stead, Mr. E. M. Clark, M.L.A., and Inspector Dawson.

Mr. David Fell said that 15 years ago the district was only bush, but the population had steadily increased. He thanked Mr. Hogue for having expedited the enlargement of the school, but indicated that if the progress of the future was as rapid as in the past, yet another addition would be necessary in a few years.

Mr. Hogue congratulated the district on having so capable a staff. The public education was a big undertaking, on which they spent £1,000,000 a year. It was a large item, considering that the population of the State was only 1,500,000, but the money was well and wisely spent. In the State there were over 3000 schools, with a teaching staff of over 5000; therefore it would be seen that it required large sums of money to keep the establishment going. They were now giving instruction on a higher plan than before, and were training their teachers. Under the new system they were trying to bring about the best possible results by teaching in subjects that would fit them for their future life.

An excellent exhibition of students' work was made.

MOLONG-CUMNOCK RAILWAY.

INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE.

Mr. Lynch, M.L.A., yesterday introduced to the Minister for Works a deputation from residents of the Cumnock district, who urged the claims of a railway from Molong to Cumnock, 17 miles. Mr. F. Winchcombe, M.L.C., and Messrs. Hunt, Barton, and Fitzpatrick, Ms.L.A., accompanied the deputation. The speakers emphasised the importance of the Cumnock district from wheat-growing and wool-raising points of view. Agriculture was largely carried on, but activity in this respect was hampered by reason of the want of facilities for getting produce away. There were a number of stations in the district that would doubtless be subdivided if a railway were constructed.

Mr. Lee in reply said this matter had been before the department for some time, and he had made a promise that officers would be sent up to investigate the proposed line. Unfortunately there had been such a rush of work that the men could not be spared. He regretted this, but said he would instruct the Engineer-in-Chief to send the first available batch of surveyors up to the district. The whole question would require to be gone into afresh, in view of the Narromine-Peak Hill line being under way.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

GOVERNOR'S CUP.

Ten further teams will participate in the Governor's Cup competition at Long Bay on Saturday. On Wednesday 7th the University Scouts and Pyramus teams will fire. The final will be decided on October 10.

CAMPBELTOWN CLUB.

The monthly prize shoot was held on September 16 and 19, under adverse conditions. The first prize was annexed by Mr. G. F. Allsopp with a score of 31 from scratch, Messrs. A. R. Payten (scr.) 29, and W. J. Mitchell (3) 26, securing second and third places respectively. Messrs. S. C. Marlow, G. L. Marlow, and E. Lynch, with 25 each to their credit, were next in order.

The club will contest a match with the Clyde Works Rifle Club on Eight-hour Day at 200, 500, and 600 yards, starting at 10 a.m. The following team will represent Campbelltown:—G. F. Allsopp, F. Genty, A. R. Payten (captain), J. Lynch, D. Westgarth, P. C. Marlow, R. Rudd, G. L. Marlow, P. E. Payten, W. J. D. Mitchell, J. Rudd, A. J. Forbes, and J. Stanton.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

The Rifle Club held a match against a team from Mathoura yesterday, seven shots at 200 and 500 yards, eight scores each side counting. A strong right wind was blowing, but some good scores were recorded, the home team winning by 7 points. Results:—

Deniliquin: R. Jones 62, A. Bishop 62, W. Powell 61, J. Casley 60, G. E. Casley 60, F. Malin 59, A. Mason 51, I. Nestrom 50. Total, 465.

Mathoura: J. Leetham 65, J. Glen 60, W. Cowpiner 57, F. Glenn 56, F. Leetham 56, Jas. Leetham 56, C. Joes 54, J. Farrell 54. Total, 458.

Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies on the range. In the evening the visitors were entertained at a dance in the Masonic Hall.

PICTON, Thursday.

The following are the prize-winners for the September quarter in connection with the local rifle club, seven shots each at 200 and 300 yards:—H. G. Phillips 174, H. Parry 172, C. Vacchini 165, W. J. H. Vickery 162, Senior-constable Collis 160, C. Dymock 159, M'Credie, with 170, secured the prize for the highest score off the rifle.

MILLTHORPE, Wednesday.

The following are the scores for the last competition shoot of the Millthorpe Rifle Club for the N.R.A. medal, 14 shots at 900 yards:—F. Evans 56, J. Hazel 46, R. Wenban 44, F. Snudden 42, T. Foley 40, W. R. Bentley 34, F. Largdon 33. Up to the present F. Evans is leading for the N.R.A. medal with a total of 219 points.

DUPLICATE TRUNK LINES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It must be evident to every observer of the management of our railways that the time is ripe for the Government to come down with a bold railway policy. We hear the cry on every side about the shortage of rolling stock and the Treasurer's statement that £620,000 is available to make that deficiency good. What is the advantage of putting a lot more rolling stock on our congested trunk lines? It is just as sane as to turn more water into a channel that is already overflowing. It is patent to anybody that when the traffic is heavy the goods and stock trains only earn about 50 per cent. of the amount they should be earning.

The only way to get at the root of the evil is to duplicate the trunk lines. It may be answered that is being done at present, which is quite true, but only in such a half-hearted way that the present generation has no hope of receiving the benefits they should derive from such a boon. It may seem a valid excuse that the question is a big one, and would involve an enormous amount of money. This State has suffered much from stop-gap politicians, who were unable to grow with it, and when big questions arose they invariably evolved an expedient to defer the evil for the time being. Matters have now come to such pass that unless a statesman be at the helm we are going to have a crisis. With the great advances closer settlement is and will make in the near future Mr. Waddell will need to add a quarter of a million sterling every year for additional rolling stock, and if this is to be carried with single lines the next item will be a disaster compared to which the Braybrook catastrophe would be infinitesimal. It would have been interesting reading if Mr. Waddell had stated the value of the stock that perished during the late drought which could have been saved had the lines been duplicated.

It is stated that one train conveying starving stock took 72 hours to run from Coolac to Singleton. Nobody supposes that this train was travelling half that time, but was being continually shunted to clear the line, inflicting untold cruelty on the dumb animals, wasting the labour of the railway employees, wearing out the engines by keeping up steam while idle and burning enormous quantities of coal to no gain. What chance had the owner of saving stock in a poverty-stricken condition after being put through such an ordeal? This is one illustration of what has been going on in a greater or lesser degree for years, and will continue until the powers that be realise their responsibilities.

The potentialities of New South Wales are so great that in a few years there is no reason why there should not be one procession of trains running uninterruptedly to the seaboard, and another to the interior.

It is impossible for this to come about under the present system, which blights progress in every direction. There are thousands of fat lambs which the owners desire to market, and trucks cannot be provided. The result will be that the lambs will swell the list of store sheep, which are practically unsaleable. Many who have secured trucks for their fat stock will in all probability have seen their stock die before it comes to their turn to be served. People are being induced to go on the land, and raise perishable products, only to have them depreciated in consequence of our defective transport facilities, not only to the loss of the producers, but also to the consumers. Should the coming harvest be as bountiful as predicted the producers will be jostling each other when a truck runs into a station, to see who will secure it, and will be compelled in many instances to refuse favourable offers for their wheat, because trucks will not be available for them within a given time.

Let the Government devote all of the land revenue to railway construction, and borrow millions to duplicate the trunk lines, and the producers to a man will be at their back.

I am, etc.,
M. J. CROWE.

Gobarralong, Sept. 29.

STATE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY.

HOME MISSION PROBLEMS.

The Baptist Assembly opened yesterday with a mission breakfast tendered by Mr. Hugh Dixson at Sargent's Cafe. It was followed by an informal conference.

Rev. A. J. Waldock (secretary of the Home Mission Society) said that they had a "gospel car;" they needed also a gospel tent; but a gospel tent was of no use without the missioner. The time would come when the committee would have to consider the advisability of setting apart a special man for the purpose. They needed also movable church buildings, which could be shifted to another field when a permanent church was established. He would impress on all ministers the need for looking out for young men.

Rev. F. J. Wilkin, Home Mission superintendent (Victoria), said that home missionaries should be men ready always to emphasise their specific principles. He himself went to the Kerang district 19 years ago; now it was being worked by five missionaries and had 10 churches, while £3400 had been spent on buildings, and the debt was now only £400. He was away from his home nearly two-thirds of his time, a fact he mentioned because at the present conference, he understood, a discussion was in progress on that point. In his district also the foreign missionary spirit was strong. The best contributors to foreign missions were Home Mission members. In Victoria young men joined the society on the distinct understanding that they should study. Each November a student had to present himself for a two years' course, and after, it was hoped, would be prepared to enter college. They hoped to make the Home Mission the training ground for the ministry. Every student on leaving college had to take up a Home Mission service if required.

During the discussion which followed on the difficulties of the field, Pastor Bull said he was sure the financial obstacle would be overcome. A Home Mission superintendent, if appointed, would be able to appeal to a congregation with more force than its own minister.

Rev. L. E. Tranter said the only way to give students time for study was to make the districts smaller. He advocated a circulating library of good, solid books. Two gentlemen then offered the agents the privilege of selecting a book each.

BUSINESS SESSION.

The afternoon was devoted to a business session, which Dr. Porter opened with prayer.

Financial statements were submitted by Mr. Herbert Priestley relating to the New South Wales Baptist Ministers' Fund, Loan and Building Fund, and Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The Ministers' Fund assisted four churches during the year, the total appropriations amounting to £91. Interest received was £66 5s. The balance to credit of capital account was £1475. In the Loan and Building Fund 35 churches participated. The new loans to churches during the year were £1040, and the repayments £1085 15s 5d. The number of churches to which the benefits of the fund were extended was larger than ever before during the 23 years' existence of the fund. The steady increase in the fund was gratifying, as also was the fact that not a penny had been lost. The retiring managers, Revs. A. J. Waldock and H. Clark, and Messrs. W. Buckingham, W. Ardill, F. Searl, C. Lane, and H. Priestley, were re-elected.

The £10,000 capital of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was invested as follows:—Loans to 21 churches, £6689 5s; freehold property in Newtown and Summer Hill, £2400; cash in bank, £910 15s.

Rev. H. Clark submitted a report of the congress, which was highly satisfactory. The thanks of the union were offered to Revs. H. Clark and A. Metters for their work as secretaries.

On the motion of Rev. A. J. Waldock, the recommendations of the Baptist Congress were left over to be dealt with by the general council.

The reports of the "Baptist" and "Young Baptist" were submitted. The credit balance of the former—£103—was a record. Mr. J. A. Packer was asked again to assume the editorship of the "Baptist," but he was not prepared to give a decision at once.

The cash statement, in connection with the Literature Fund for the year showed receipts amounting to £71 0s 6d.

Reports from the Christian Endeavour Society and education committee were presented. That of the Baptist Preachers' Society showed that 15 out of 23 metropolitan churches had been supplied.

The motion protesting against boxing contests, which was remitted from the Australasian Congress, was carried.

THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

The motion standing over from the previous day, affirming the need of a Home Mission superintendent, and asking the Rev. A. J. Waldock to take the position, was carried unanimously. Mr. Waldock has, however, yet to announce his decision.

The half-yearly meeting was fixed for Newcastle, and will probably fall about Easter.

ELECTIONS.

Home mission committee: Revs. H. Clark, A. J. Waldock, L. Gawthrop, C. J. Tinsley, D. Steed, J. Barker, and F. Hibberd, Messrs. H. Dixson, F. Searl, H. Priestley, W. Buckingham, W. White, S. R. Miller, H. A. Smedley. Foreign mission committee: Revs. F. Hibberd, A. Metters, Dr. Porter, E. Price, W. A. Southwell, Pastor W. Phillips, Messrs. W. Buckingham, J. Morton, E. G. W. Palmer, C. W. Rogers, F. Searl, J. Simpson, W. Tyas, H. A. Smedley, T. C. Warbors. Literature committee: Revs. Southwell, Straughen, Tinsley, Messrs. Tyas, C. Lane, Yarrow. Education committee: Revs. Clark, Cartwright, Gawthrop, Tinsley, Waldock, Dr. Porter, and Mr. Barbour. Advisory and credentials committee: Revs. Clark, Price, Tinsley, Dr. Porter, and Mr. Ardill.

DEMONSTRATION AT ASHFIELD.

In the evening a well-attended Foreign Mission demonstration was held in the Ashfield Tabernacle, the president (Rev. W. M. Cartwright) being chairman. Miss Tuck (S.A.) spoke on work in Furridpur, and Mrs. Thompson (Tas.) and Rev. F. E. Harry also interested the gathering in the mission field in Bengal. The addresses were interspersed with singing.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

EIGHT-HOUR DEMONSTRATION.

Preparations are still being made in connection with the annual eight-hour demonstration on Monday. The following unions will compete for the prize for the best display:—Furniture Trades, Loco. Engine Drivers, Firemen and Cleaners, Boilermakers, Typographical Association, Bakers, Slaughtermen, Confectioners, Farriers, Plumbers, Tinsmiths, Boot Trade Federation, and Half-holiday Association.

Prominent among the displays will be that of the Tinsmiths. According to the officials a tinker saved the life of a king in days of old, for which service the sole right to carry a crown was conferred upon the members of this trade in general. The tinsmiths contend that they have a monopoly in crowns, and they will accordingly turn out with a huge crown, 4ft in diameter, set with many rare gems, and borne upon the shoulders of four stalwart tinsmiths. Twenty-four men armed with spears and battle-axes will guard the emblem of sovereignty, while two knights of the trade, clad in suits of armour, will head the display.

The whole procession will be headed by 30 members of the Federal and State Labour parties, while an interesting group of six members of the first Eight-hour Committee, formed 53 years ago, will follow.

Mr. B. R. Wise has been invited to attend the banquet on Saturday night, in recognition of his services to trades-unionism.

Mr. A. Fisher, leader of the Labour party, will be present at the banquet, but will be unable to attend the demonstration.

STOREMEN'S UNION.

The United Storemen's Union met at the Trades Hall on Wednesday, when preparations for next Monday's display were made. It was announced that the Eight-hour Committee had offered the union a banner for the day. A large turnout of storemen is expected.

Correspondence was received from the Wool-selling Brokers' Association, stating that they had not yet appointed representatives to the Conciliation Board, but would do so at their next meeting.

PROCESS ENGRAVERS.

The Process Engravers' Union, which has recently sprung into existence, held its first meeting at the Trades Hall on Wednesday, when the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. Ward; vice-president, Mr. H. Daniels; secretary, Mr. Colhoun; minute secretary, Mr. Foulks; treasurer, Mr. J. Smith; committee of management, Messrs. R. Ward, Bourke, Donnelly, Clasper, and Ponsford.

The union, which comprises about 50 per cent. of the members of the trade, will register as a trades-union under the Act of 1881 on Friday.

EARLY CLOSING FOR CHEMISTS.

A well-attended meeting of the Northern Sydney, Eastern Suburbs, and St. George Pharmacists' Association, called to consider the question of earlier closing of pharmacies, was held on Wednesday evening. Mr. Wadsworth was voted to the chair. Resolutions were carried approving of:—(1) A deputation to the Minister to secure such an amendment of the Early Closing Act as will compulsorily actually close pharmacies for ordinary business. (2) A general closing hour of not later than 8 p.m. on five days in the week. (3) A late night in each week, the closing hour to be 10 p.m. (4) The restriction of Sunday and holiday business to one hour night and morning. (5) The inclusion of public dispensaries in such amendment.

WHARF LABOURERS' UNION.

NEW BANNER UNFURLED.

Mr. E. Kelly (president) presided at a meeting of the Wharf Labourers' Union at the Trades Hall for the purpose of unfurling the new banner.

Mr. M'Gowen, leader of the Labour party, said that when chairman of the Eight Hours Committee he had been the first to unfurl the banner of a trades union. Thirty-five years ago he joined his union. He dwelt upon the advantages of trades-unionism, referring to the conditions under which men worked 35 years ago. If the movement was a slow one, it was better to move slowly and surely than to skate on thin ice and fall in.

Mr. M'Gowen then unfurled the banner, which is composed of blue silk with a yellow border. The scene of a vessel lying alongside a wharf is the painting of Mr. A. Lorenzini, to whose credit is also placed the scroll work and figures on the banner.

Mr. Bryant, ex-president of the Sydney Labour Council, also addressed the meeting, stating that he hoped soon to see all union banners proclaiming a six hours' instead of an eight hours' day.

A musical programme was rendered during the evening.

PUBLIC MORALS ASSOCIATION.

The council of the Public Morals Association met at the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Monday, the 28th ult. The Rev. G. T. Walden, M.A., occupied the chair.

The secretary reported action taken in reference to the Totalisator Bill, and read letters from several members of Parliament who purpose voting against the measure.

Consideration was given to the Girls' Protection Bill and the amendments included therein by the Legislative Council. It was decided to use every means to secure elimination of the amendments passed by the Council, believing that they would largely nullify any good effect that might result from the passing of the bill. It was decided to endeavour to secure the following amendments:—1. To raise the age of consent. 2. To raise the age at which responsibility shall attach to fathers, schoolmasters, etc, to 21 years. 3. To include guardians of adopted children in such responsibility. 4. To secure elimination of the provisos for exemption in reference to character of the girl, the time limit during which prosecution can ensue, and the reasonable cause to believe.

The Police Offences Amendment Bill was also fully considered, and it was reaffirmed that there is necessity for the amplification of the clause dealing with owners and occupiers of certain houses. The council considered that the present proposal did not go far enough, and would not enable persons letting these houses to be effectively dealt with. The clauses dealing with the opium question were received with considerable pleasure.

A resolution was passed expressing pleasure of the council at the promise of the Premier to introduce legislation dealing with medical quacks. The secretary was directed to point out that there was necessity for further legislation to deal with curses and others carrying on illegal practices, and it was suggested that a bill should be introduced providing for the State registration of midwives.

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MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

The vestibule of the Sydney Stock Exchange presented a much more cheerful aspect yesterday morning than has been the experience of the past week. It was not because of any return of speculative activity. There certainly was a slight improvement in this respect, but still the amount of business transacted was on very limited lines. The more cheerful tone prevailing was due to the announcement by cable that copper had recovered 5/ to £60 a ton, that lead had firmed 3/9, bringing the price to £13/7/6, and that tin had improved to £134.

But what appeared to put most heart into scripholders, especially of silver scrip, was the fact that the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday indicated a pronounced improvement in the buying offers for the majority of Australian silver shares. Thus B.H. Block 10, B.H. Proprietary, B.H. Souths, paid, Zinc Corporation, ordinary, and B.H. Norths all showed advanced buying offers, with both British (old) and B.H. South Blocks firm.

Doubtless some local operators will attribute the improved buying of the London Stock Exchange to a shortage of scrip, and "bears" covering, whilst others will be equally confident that it is an improvement, based on the better tone of the lead market. If the London Stock Exchange was favourably affected in the case of silver scrip by the advance of 3/9 per ton for lead, the quotations did not show a similar improvement in the case of copper shares, though the metal recovered 5/ a ton. As a matter of fact, we do not know the causes of the London fluctuations in scrip values.

Locally silver scrip took the lead in the morning, as to the importance of the business transacted. B.H. Souths, paid, opened quietly at 74/6, but subsequently jumped to 76/, a rise of 1/ on the previous record earlier in the week. The best London buyer on Wednesday was at 73/9. The contributing scrip sold locally at 67/, also an advance of 1/. B.H. South Blocks improved 1/9, and B.H. Junction North /6, whilst British (old) sold firmly on terms. This improved tone was reflected in the demand for British (new), B.H. Junction, and B.H. Norths.

In the case of copper stocks a firm but inactive market prevailed, business being confined to O.K. Copper, Mungana, and Queen Bee, each of which sold at firm rates. In the stocks not dealt in good offers were made for Chillagoe, contg., Grafton Copper, Wallaroo and Moonta. Mount Elliotts, with Kyloe Copper and Mount Molloy, a shade easier. There were buyers of Lobb's Hole, paid, but no recorded sellers.

Despite the firmness of tin no business was recorded. In gold stocks the Charters Towers and Gympie fields claimed a small amount of attention, with transactions recorded in East Mexican, contg., at a decline of 1/; New B. Freeholds, a fraction easier, and Clark's B.W. and Victory selling at very weak rates, compared with the previous recorded sales. Sandstone Development continues to ease, New Hillgroves are still weak, but Harden Central, contg., stand firm.

"Firm, but still inactive," describes the market during the afternoon in regard to copper and silver shares. In the case of the former good business was recorded in Mount Elliotts, Mount Molloys, and Macgregors. Silver interests were represented by a solitary transaction in B. H. Souths, paid, at 76/, thus maintaining the morning advance. Tin shares were again a drug in the market, whilst gold stocks did not furnish any business of much note.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Budgery Mines	—	0 2 6
Chillagoe, contributing	—	0 4 10
Grafton	1 0 0	—
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	0 12 0	0 13 3
Kyloe	—	0 9 0
Lloyd Copper	0 3 9	0 4 2
Lobb's Hole	0 12 3	—
Ditto, contributing	—	0 10 3
M'Gregor-Cloncurry, paid	0 8 0	—
Mount Cuthbert	0 5 6	0 6 3
Mount Elliott	3 17 0	4 0 0
Mount Molloy	—	0 6 0
Ditto, pref.	—	0 8 4
Ditto, paid	—	0 11 4
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 4 10	0 5 2
O. K.	0 5 4	0 5 6
Queen Bee	0 6 0	0 6 11
Roebourne	—	0 3 0
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 16 6	1 18 0
TIN.		
Briseis	0 8 3	0 8 10½
Gilmore	—	0 2 10
Tulloch	0 6 2	0 6 8
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 18 3	0 18 9
Ditto, Privileged	0 17 3	0 18 0
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 1 0	2 2 0
Ditto Block 10	2 15 0	—
B. H. Junction	0 3 0	0 3 6
B. H. Junction North	1 2 3	1 3 6
B. H. North	2 11 0	—
B. H. South	3 15 6	3 17 0
B. H. South, contributing	3 6 9	3 8 0
B. H. South Blocks	1 1 6	1 2 3
C. S. A. Mines, paid	—	0 12 0
New White Leads	—	0 0 6
Sulphide Corporation (ordinary)	0 8 3	—
Zinc Corporation, ordinary	0 6 0	—
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Araluen Steam Shovel	0 1 3	0 1 9
Baker's Creek	0 2 3	—
Harden	1 3 0	1 4 6
Harden Central (paid)	0 3 10	0 4 2
Ditto, contributing	0 2 3	0 2 6
Harden West	0 3 3	0 3 9
Mount David	0 2 7	0 2 8
Myall and Peak Hill (paid)	—	0 1 9
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 0 10	0 1 0
Occidental	0 8 0	0 8 6
Sunlight	—	0 0 3
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	0 2 0	0 2 6
Araluen Central	0 6 2	0 6 4
Associated Gold Dredging	0 3 4	0 3 10
Cope's Creek	—	0 7 0
Jembaicumbene	0 1 1	—
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	0 0 6	—
New Wyllie Creek	0 2 9	—
Paddock Swamp, contributing	—	0 7 6
Reform Tin (paid)	0 2 9	0 3 6
Tewksbury Amalgamated	1 5 6	1 10 0
Tingha Tin	—	0 4 0
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Bonnie Dundee	0 6 10	0 7 0
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	0 0 3	0 0 6
East Mexican, paid	0 13 6	0 15 0
Marshall's Queen	—	0 4 3
Ditto, contributing	—	0 3 7
New Victoria and Caledonia Block	—	0 1 8
Queen Central	—	0 2 3
Queen's Cross Reef	0 2 3	—
Victory	0 1 10	0 2 3
Gympie.		
Great Northern, contributing	0 1 9	—
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	0 4 9	0 4 11
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	—	0 2 6
North Smithfield	0 4 6	0 5 0
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	0 2 3	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 1 4	0 2 6
South Great Eastern, No. 2	—	0 3 3
South Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	—	0 2 9
Western Australia.		
Associated	1 5 0	—
Chaffer's	0 5 0	0 5 1½
Great Boulder	1 7 0	—
Ditto Main Reef	0 5 2	—
Ditto, No. 1	—	0 10 6
Ditto Perseverance	—	0 6 2
Kalgurli	8 0 0	—
Kalgurli South	0 8 0	—
Lake View Consols, L.R.	0 14 0	—

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—O. K. Copper, 5/4; Mungana, 5/1; Queen Bee, 6/9.

Silver.—B.H. South, paid, 74/6, 76/; ditto, contg, 67/; British (old), six weeks, 18/6; B.H. South Blocks, 21/9; B.H. Junction North, three months, 24/; ordinary, 23/.

Tin.—Nil.

Gold.—New Hillgrove, 1/; Clark's B. W. and Victory, paid, /4; Sandstone Development, 6/3; East Mexican, contg, 13/6; Harden Central, contg, 2/; one month, 2/; New B. Freeholds, 26/3.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Mount Elliott, one month, 78/6; Mount Molloy, 5/10, 5/11; 6 weeks, 5/10½; Macgregors, 8/4½, 8/4.

Silver.—B. H. South, paid, 76/.

Tin.—Nil.

Gold.—Araluen Shovel, 1/6; Harden Central, paid, 4/; ditto, contg., 2/; New Hillgrove, /11; New B. Freehold, 26/; Queen Cross, 2/3.

MINING NOTES.

The manager of the Sandstone Development Gold-mining Company (W.A.) reports for the half-month ended September 26, as follows:—"Juno No. 1 shaft: Total depth, 360ft, timbered down to 340ft. Juno No. 3 shaft: Bottom level (280ft vertical), total distance 40ft, width of reef in face 50 inches, worth 100/ per ton. A rise above this level is up 12ft, width of reef 50 inches, assaying 60/ per ton."

The O.K. Copper during the fortnight ended September 23 treated 588 tons of ore for 66 tons of blister copper. It is reported that developments throughout the main and northern leases continue good. The stope from the Gully shaft is yielding basic ore, averaging 9 per cent. copper. The furnace yield for the past fortnight showed a recovery of 7.43 per cent. of copper.

Private cables state that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday were the following:—B.H. Block 10, b, ex div., 56/3; British (old), b 17/6; B.H. Proprietary, b 41/3; B.H. Souths, paid, b 73/9; B.H. South Blocks, b 21/; Zinc Corporation, ordinary, b 6/1; B.H. Norths, b 52/6; Chillagoe, contg., b 4/10; Mungana, b 4/10; Mount Lyells, b 34/3; Great Fingalls, s 19/6; Oroya, b 13/9; South Kalgurlis, b 8/6; Associateds, 27/6 (m); Great Boulders, b, ex div., 27/; Hannan's Star, b 6/; Gwalia Consolidated, 4/9 (m); and Sons of Gwalia, 32/3 (m). Copper was quoted at £60, a recovery of 5/, lead at £13/7/6, a rise of 3/9, and tin at £134.

The mine manager of the Lobbs Hole Copper Mine telegraphs that at midnight of Wednesday a strong flow of water was met in the [illegible] day to-day the water had risen 30ft in the shaft, and was gaining upon the pump. The flow of water in the No. 1 level has, however, gradually decreased, so there is considerable evidence that the main vein has changed its underlay from north to south, and has been intersected in the shaft. Further particulars will arrive in the course of the next few days, and it is reasonable to expect that the flow of water will ease off, so as to be well within the capacity of the present pump, which is capable of lifting about 12,000 gallons an hour.

ROEBOURNE COPPER AND GOLD MINES.

DISAPPOINTING RESULTS.

The directors of the Roebourne Copper and Gold Mines Company, a New South Wales flotation, though the mine is situated in Western Australia, are in the unenviable position of having to furnish the shareholders with a disappointing report regarding work on the mine during the six months ended last June. Owing to illness, the general manager in Western Australia, Mr. R. B. Pettigrew, who is also a director, was obliged in April to return to Perth, and later on resigned all active control of the company's affairs. The position of mine manager was then conferred upon Mr. A. T. Wilson, who took up his duties on June 13. He reported that the mine promised well, and was likely to become a valuable property; but was practically undeveloped. Mr. White estimated the quantity in sight at 1000 tons. The directors observe:—"It is satisfactory, however, to note that the new manager's favourable impressions of the mine have been confirmed by his later reports."

The second-hand mill plant, bought on the recommendation of an experienced mill manager, who certified that the mill was "complete, in good working order, and, according to specifications," has proved a source of disappointment, and caused trouble and expense ever since it started running. The late manager reported adversely on its type and construction. The new manager has also condemned it, and advised that it is impossible to continue crushing until extensive alterations and repairs have been effected. To make matters worse, the yield from 703 tons of ore crushed was only 346oz of bullion, equal to an average of 9dwt 20grs of bullion per ton.

Whereupon the directors remark:—"The quantity and value of the stone treated are disappointing. The small tonnage dealt with is explicable on grounds of the deficient water supply and the above-mentioned faulty construction of the mill. Owing to the fineness of the gold, a high recovery cannot be obtained over the plates, and after taking credit for the values remaining in the tailings, the average gold contents of the stone so far treated do not come up to what was expected from the reports from time to time to hand. Nevertheless, if the mill can be run anything approaching full time, the mine should pay its way on the class of stone now being put through, and the erection of a cyanide plant to deal with the tailings would enable a handsome profit to be realised."

In order to have an independent report on the condition of the mill and the alterations and additions necessary to put it in good working order, the board has appointed Mr. John W. Tilley to proceed to the mine, which he should reach about September 24, and his report may therefore be expected in the early part of October. Whilst at Roebourne, Mr. Tilley will also exhaustively inspect the mine workings and advise fully in detail thereon.

B. H. PROPRIETARY.

A MONTH'S OPERATIONS.

The production of the B. H. Proprietary Company for the four weeks ended September 20 is given hereunder, in comparison with the yield for the previous two months. The figures are:—

	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Silver	411,203 oz.	382,142 oz.	418,517 oz.
Lead	7,652 tons	7,588 tons	7,704 tons
Anti lead	61 tons	74 tons	66 tons
Zinc concentrates	4,785 tons	4,308 tons	4,050 tons
Silver	70,887 oz.	64,897 oz.	59,748 oz.
Lead	454 tons	402 tons	398 tons
Zinc	2,102 tons	1,943 tons	1,832 tons

MINING IN THE STATE.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The old shaft at the Coronation has been timbered to enable the sulphide lode recently unearthed to be worked. It is intended to stack the ore for a time, and new bins have been erected for the purpose. There is also a small quantity of the carbonate lode, which was being supplied to the Commonwealth, exposed, and when this is taken out and stacked no further work will be done in this direction pending a decision as to the future of the Commonwealth.

The battery at the Federal is still hung up for want of water, and a storm is necessary to fill the dam. There is a probability of the mine changing hands, and a considerable amount of capital being devoted to opening up and developmental work.

A parcel of 24 tons of stone put through the battery at the King Dick gave a return of 30oz.

The sinking at the Deep Levels continues very hard, and slow progress is being consequently made with the shaft, which is now down 107ft. Some good colours have been obtained in the country through which the shaft is passing.

There is considerable activity at present on the Great Southern line at Gunner's Dam. Bennett and party have found some rich specimens on the west side of the hill, and a Sydney syndicate has taken over the claim to give it a good trial. The Southern Cross has struck a rich shoot of gold at the 100ft level, and a trial lot of four tons sent to Cockle Creek gave a return of 7oz 3dwt to the ton. The reef averages about 6in in width, and has been driven along for 150ft.

THE CANBELEGO FIELD.

GOOD DEVELOPMENTS.

CANBELEGO, Thursday.

Driving at the 200ft level north at the East Mount Boppy Gold Mine is being proceeded with, the drive being in lode formation.

At the Mount Boppy copper mine excellent progress is being made with the erection of the treatment plant. The stamp battery is practically completed, and a trial run will be made early next week. The manager is pushing all work forward to enable him to get a good start the first week in October.

About 10 men will shortly be at work at the Restdown mines. This company recently pegged out an additional mineral lease of 20 acres.

Owing to meeting with a large amount of water in the east crosscut at the 300ft level, the North Boppy Gold Mine has had to temporarily cease mining operations, pending the installation of a larger pumping plant.

Mr. W. Duncan Williamson, chief metallurgist of the Mount Boppy Gold Mine, has just returned from the Gibraltar Consolidated Gold Mines, Adelong, where he has been advising on the treatment of the ores on behalf of Messrs. John Taylor and Sons, of London.

Mr. Hubert F. Hall, assistant engineer of the Mt. Boppy Gold Mine, is to arrive back here at the end of the present week, he having been on a visit to the Ballarat gold fields.

The operations of the South Mount Boppy Gold-mining Company during the half-month ended August 15, show that Nesham's shaft was sunk to 303ft. At 300ft a crosscut was commenced west to cut the Canbelego lode, and has been driven 9ft. At the 200ft level, No. 3 crosscut was extended to 61ft. The formation in the end is clean slate. At 56ft from the entrance to the crosscut, a drive was commenced south, and extended 10ft on the ore body cut through. The assays from the drivage varied from 1oz 7dwt to 2oz 14dwt per ton. The principal vein is composed of blue quartz, and is 12 inches thick. Eastern wall: The east drive on the cross course was extended to 139ft, the formation being friable quartz, and decomposed slate. The west drive was advanced to 280ft, the formation in the end being hard grey slate. The total distance driven on the cross course is 419ft.

BROKEN HILL MINING.

TESTING THE WESTERN RIDGE.

SUGGESTED GOVERNMENT DRILLING.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The work of the Junction North mill, Broken Hill, since the beginning of June, shows the weakness of a policy which looks for high tonnages only. The past three months have proved that though the mill can treat up to 2800 tons weekly, more of the metal is lost than if the plant only dealt with 2500 or 2600 tons. The recoveries are higher on a lower tonnage than on a higher, and in the long run a concentrate going 62 to 63 per cent. leads pays better than one worth 60½ to 61 per cent. This has been the knowledge of the other Broken Hill mines, but it has needed experience to bring the fact home to the Junction North. In future the mill will treat from 2500 to 2600 tons weekly, and will accordingly do better work. The shareholders, however, will need to remember that the plant, if called upon, can always do heavier work.

The Proprietary Company, which is always ready to look at a promising show, had its eyes on the Silver City Blocks, and "passed." These blocks are directly south of the South Blocks mine, on the ridge westward of the White Leads flat. Several leading mining men have inspected the blocks during the past two months, and opinions as to their prospects are divided. Equally certain with those who say that the blocks carry the run of the main line of lode, are those who declare that the leases are worthless. The failure of the Proprietary to take up the blocks is a disappointment to the owners, but they have other strings to their bow, and are still sanguine. Close by are the leases held by the South Extended Company, an offshoot of Consols Company, which is taking a shaft [illegible] A thorough testing of this western ridge with the diamond drill would be worth while. The Government might well do it.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Western Australian mines: Associated, 27/, 26/10½, s 27/1½, s 26/3; Perseverance, 5/9, b 5/9, s 5/11; Chaffer's, 5/2, b 5/2, s 5/3; Cumberland, 3/7; Boulders, 27/3, b 27/1½, s 27/2; Golden Ridge, 22/6, b 22/3, s 23/; Hannan's Star, 6/9, 6/8, 6/6, b 6/7, s 6/8; Lake View, b 14/8, s 14/9; Boulder Main Reef, b 5/4, s 5/6; Mararoa, 22/6, 22/9¼, b 22/3, s 22/6; Marvel Loch, paid, 2/5; Gwalia South, paid 36/6, 36/, b 36/, s 36/3; South Kalgurli, 8/9, 8/10, 8/10½, 9/; Waihi, 1/11, 1/11¼, b 1/11, s 1/11½.

Various: King's Bluff, b £3/15/, s £3/15/.

Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 41/6, 42/3, b 41/9, s 42/3; British (old), 18/6, b 18/4½, s 18/6; British (new), 17/6, 17/1½, b 17/3, s 17/6; Junction, 3/2, 3/2½, 3/3, 3/4, b 3/3, s 3/4½; B.H. Norths, b 52/, s 52/6; Souths, paid, 75/6, 75/3, 75/6, 76/6; Souths, contg, 66/6, 67/, b 66/3, s 67/1; Zincs (ord), b 6/5, s 6/8; South Blocks, 21/4½, 22/1½, b 21/10½, s 22/; Junction North, b 22/9, s 23/6.

Copper: Chillagoe, 5/9, b 5/8, s 5/10; Chillagoe, contg, 4/9, b 4/8, s 4/10; Hampden, b 12/, s 12/4½; Macgregor, paid, 8/5, b 8/3, s 8/5; Elliott's, paid, 78/, b 78/, s 79/; Molloys, paid, 5/10, b 5/8, s 5/11; Mungana, 5/, b 4/11, s 5/; O.K., paid, 5/5, b 5/5, s 5/6; Wallaroo, b 36/9, s 37/.

Tin: Stannary Hills, 6d, 7d.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's quotations and sales were:—Catherine Reef, 22/6, 23/6; Clarence United, 9/4½, 10/3, sales 9/9; Harwood and Burrowes, 6/9, 7/; Koch's Pioneer, 9/10½, 10/6, sales 10/3; New Golden Fleece, 3/6, 3/9; New Moon Consols, 3/8, 4/3; New Shenandoah, 2/7, 2/9, sales 3/, 2/7½; North Bendigo, 3/9, 4/3; Sea, s 11/6; South New Moon, 21/6, 22/6; Suffolk United, 6/, 6/8, sales 6/6½; The Langdon, 4/9, 5/; Williams United, 6/7½, 7/, sales 6/10½.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—East Mexican, contg, 13/7, 13/6; ditto, contg, forward, 13/10.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Quotations:—Brilliant, s 4/; B. Central, b 4/6; Bonnie, 7/, 7/1; B. Deeps, 6/, 6/3; B. Extended, 9/8, 9/10; Carrington, b /8; Mexican, 13/2, 13/5; ditto, paid, 14/, 14/6; Kelly's, /6, /8; ditto, paid, 2/1, 2/5; Marshall's, /, 3/0½; ditto, paid, 3/8, 3/9; Mills, 12/6, 13/; Freeholds, 26/6, 26/9; Phoebe, /10, 1/; Q. Cross, 2/, 2/2; Q. Central, paid, s 2/; Ruby, 1/6, 1/7; ditto, paid, b 2/6; Victory, 2/3, 2/2; Caledonia, s 1/4.

Sales: B. Deeps, 6/; Mexican, 13/3; Alexandra, /4, /4; Kellys, /7; Kulamadau, paid, 2/6; Marshalls, 3/1, 3/; ditto, paid, 3/8; Mills, 12/9; Freeholds, 26/6; Q. Cross, 2/1; Wallis, 1/3.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Quotations:—No. 1 N. Columbia-Smithfield, 4/10, 5/1; No. 3 North Columbia, b 2/; Columbia Consolidated, s 1/; South Glanmire and Monkland, s 2/7; No. 3 South Great Eastern, s 3/6; No. 7 South Lady Mary, s /2; Oriental and Glanmire, 1/2, 1/6; No. 1 N. Oriental, 2/6, 2/8½; No. 1 South Oriental, 1/2, 1/4; East Oriental, s 6/4; Phoenix Eastern Tribute, s 1/; North Smithfield, 4/, 5/4; No. 1 N. Victory, 4/10, 6/; No. 3 N. Phoenix and Victory Tribute, paid, 1/2, 1/6; No. 3 N. Phoenix and Victory Tribute, contg., b /8½.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Quotations: Tasmania, b 8/6, s 9/; North Farrells, b 7/6, s 8/3; Victoria Zeehan, s 2/; Hercules, s 11/3; Tasmanian Copper, b 5/, s 5/5; Mt. Bischoff, b £23/7/6, s £24; Arba, b 7/, s 9/; Pioneer, b 24/, s 26/; Mutual Hill, b /9, s 1/3.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver: B. H. Block 10, b 57/; British (old), b 18/, s 18/3; ditto, new, 17/1½, 17/3, b 17/1, s 17/3; Broken Hill, b 42/, s 42/3; Junction, b 3/, s 3/4; Junction North, 23/3, 23/, b 23/, s 23/6; Souths, 67/, 7 67/, s 67/6; ditto, paid, b 75/6, s 77/; South Blocks, 21/3, 22/, b 22/, s 22/3; North Broken Hill, 51/9, 52/, b 51/9, s 52/6; Sulphide, b 6/; Zinc Corporation, b 6/3, s 6/6; ditto pref., 34/6, b 34/6, s 35/6.

Copper: Mt. Lyell, 34/9, b 34/6, s 35/; Chillagoe, 4/10, 4/10½; ditto paid, b 5/10, s 5/10½; Hampden, b 12/3, s 12/6; Macgregor, 8/4, 8/3, b 8/2, s 8/3; Mt. Cuthbert, b 5/6, s 6/; Mt. Elliott, 78/, b 77/, s 78/6; Mt. Molloy, s 6/; Mungana, 5/, b 4/11; O.K. Copper, Adelaide register, 5/4, 5/5, b 5/4, s 5/6.

Tin: Amalgamated Tin, b 2/; Briseis, b 8/4, s 8/8; ditto Extended, £5/5/, £5/2/, b £5/6/, s £5/10/; Melbourne Cope's Creek, paid, 5/, b 4/11; Stanmore Lode, b 2/; ditto, paid, b 2/, s 4/.

Victorian gold mines: Cathcart, 5/3, 4/6, 4/8, b 4/7, s 4/8; ditto, paid 5/, 4/11, b 4/3, s 4/5; Catherine Reef, 22/10½, 22/9, b 22/9, s 22/10½; Central Crookman's, 3/, 3/3, 3/1½, b 3/, s 3/3; Chalks, No. 3, 2/8, s 2/7; Gt. Southern Consols, 5/, 4/10, b 4/9, s 4/11; Hustler's Reef, s 21/; Long Tunnel, £5/8/, b £5/7/, s £5/10/; New Chum Goldfields, 10/, b 9/, s 10/6; New Dempsey, b 6/; New Loch Fyne, 7/8, b 7/, s 8/; New Moon South, 65/; New Moon Consols, 3/6, b 3/10½; South German, b 12/, s 14/.

W. A. gold mines: Barrambie Ranges, b 1/6, 2/1; ditto, paid, b 1/6; Black Range, b 39/, s 40/; ditto, 6/6; Kohinoor, 4/6, b 4/5; Gt. Boulders, b 27/, s 27/4½; Havilah, 6/6, b 6/6, s 7/; Mararoa, b 22/6; Marvel Loch, /8, /7, b /7, s /7½; Melton, s 1/9; Sons of Gwalia South, 36/, b 35/6, s 36/.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Oct. 1.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b 40/7, s 41/10; North Broken Hill, b 51/3, s 53/9; Great Boulder Proprietary, b 26/9, s 27/3.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

GRANVILLE COUNCIL.

The Granville Council met on Tuesday evening, the Mayor, Alderman A. L. Kerr, presiding. The Mayor submitted a minute as follows:—"With reference to the great dissatisfaction that existed amongst the ratepayers, owing to the very unsatisfactory valuations made during the current year, I recommend that a committee be appointed for the purpose of making adjustments of the valuations where considered necessary, in order that there may be no variation of valuations in streets where the land is of equal value." Some of the aldermen considered that the council had no power to make alterations. The Mayor said that he looked at the matter from a point of pure justice, and admitted that from a legal point it would be running a risk. If the council thought it too risky, they might apply to the Minister to suggest some way out of the difficulty. The minute was adopted. Alderman Peglar remarking, "That amounts to making a re-valuation, which cannot be legally done under three years." It was decided to ask the councils of Parramatta and Prospect and Sherwood to meet Granville Council in conference with a view to arriving at some understanding whereby the boundaries of the municipalities named might be more clearly defined.

ASSAULT IN A TRAIN.

At the Parramatta Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. E. L. Maitland, S.M., a young man named Percy Gordon Hall, charged with assaulting a Chinaman named Ah Bee in a railway carriage, was fined 40s, with professional costs £1 1s, interpreter's fee 10s 6d, doctor's expenses £1 1s, and witnesses' expenses 10s, in default two months' imprisonment.

ST. JOHN'S SALE OF WORK AND FLORAL FETE.

On Thursday afternoon Miss Rawson visited Parramatta for the purpose of opening a floral fete and sale of work in aid of the funds of St. John's Church. The Town Hall was well filled at the opening. The Ven. Archdeacon Gunther welcomed Miss Rawson, who, after congratulating the workers and wishing the fete every success, formally declared it open. A vote of thanks was then tendered to Miss Rawson, on the motion of Mr. L. Trollope, seconded by Mr. H. B. Cowper. The hall was prettily arranged and decorated.

RAILWAY INSTITUTE PREMISES.

OUTGROWN THEIR USEFULNESS.

PROPOSALS OF THE COUNCIL.

By the removal of the Central Railway Station citywards the Railway Institute Building is now in the background, and has lost the central position it once occupied. With the closing of Devonshire-street and the removal of the station staff further northward, the building is more difficult to reach. For a long time it has been felt among the 2000 members of the Institute that a new site should be obtained. The claims put forward are that additional accommodation is necessary in order that the work of the Institute should progress more rapidly, and the council recently decided to ask the committee entrusted with the different branches of the work to report on the subject. Those reports were furnished to the last meeting of the council.

The class committee reported that at present there was not sufficient room for satisfactorily carrying on the existing classes. The house committee's report was to the effect that it would be unwise to make any further addition to the existing structure, as the cost would be excessive, while the results would not be satisfactory to meet the growing demands. The library committee found that more room was now necessary for library purposes. The billiard and reading-room committee said that most decidedly a larger room was required.

The council then went into the whole question. The president (Mr. H. McLachlan, Secretary for Railways) was in the chair.

Mr. Taylor thought the present buildings could be profitably used as offices for one or more of the departments, possibly the interlocking, divisional engineer, or electrical branches, the latter of which was now accommodated in offices rented in the city at £600 or £800 yearly—an amount sufficient to provide the interest on the capitalised value of a new building. He moved,—"That the matter be submitted to the Chief Commissioner for favourable consideration, copies of each report to be forwarded."

Mr. Silcocks seconded the motion.

The President pointed out that the Commissioners must to some extent look at the commercial value of the land, which could be made a commercial asset. That was the objection to the site in George-street.

Mr. Taylor asked what was going to be done with the old offices of the goods manager in George-street.

The President stated the buildings were not large enough for the Institute purposes, unless they were extended over the lines, and would be too noisy with the heavy and growing traffic.

Mr. Mars suggested the block of land at the Elizabeth-street corner.

Mr. Lipman said there were two suitable sites in Eddy-avenue.

It was finally decided that the reports and circumstances be referred to the Chief Commissioner for consideration.

The Kaiser, during his stay in Swinemunde recently, was treated as an inferior civilian by a sentry at the fortress. The Emperor, in mufti, and with a broad-brimmed Panama hat drawn over his face, attempted to enter a battery, but was stoped by the sentry, who did not recognise the War Lord. The Kaiser, lifting his hat, said, "I certainly must be admitted," whereupon the sentry, seeing his face, presented arms, and gave way. Before leaving Swinemunde, the Kaiser ordered the sentry, whose name is Reichert, to come on board the Hohenzollern. His Majesty expressed the highest satisfaction at the man's strict military behaviour, and [illegible]

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The following scratchings were recorded yesterday in connection with the A.J.C. Spring Meeting:—All engagements: Lunar Light, Peter Pan, Salvadora, Irishman, Kumalo, Designer, and Banquo; First Hurdle Race: Blue Streak, Miratio, and Arizona; Second Hurdle Race: Arizona; Spring Stakes: Legation; Trial Stakes: Perkeo; Kensington Handicap: Arlington; Gimcrack Stakes: Maltster's Daughter, Golden City, Calaverite, Scotch Pie, Apple Pie, Portland Light filly, Diastase, Poniard, and Doon Lassie; Squatter's Handicap: Lady Fucile.

The appeal of the jockey W. Bradshaw against the decision of the Wallsend stewards in disqualifying him in connection with the Bimlyjar case, was considered yesterday by the A.J.C. Committee, and upheld.

There was very little excitement in speculative circles last evening, after the declaration of final acceptances for the A.J.C. Epsom Handicap and the Metropolitan. The New Zealander Soultline holds the position of favourite for the Epsom Handicap, but is only a point shorter than Blue Book, while Iolaire has receded to third favourite, the others marketable being Proportion, Heiro, Melodrama, and Waipuna. Mooltan is best fancied for the Metropolitan, and is a couple of points shorter than Blue Book and Maranui, while Virtu also has some admirers.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. report having sold the imported horse Bouvray, by St. Simon from Society Lady, to Mr. W. A. Gardiner, of Cobolion, near Wellington, and he will be used for stud purposes.

Owing to the postponement of the Victoria Park pony and galloway meeting until Tuesday next the original fixture for the October meeting of the Wollongong Jockey Club, the latter body has deferred its meeting until Friday, the 9th inst.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

FINAL TRIALS.

UNDER BLEAK, DAMP CONDITIONS.

As a fair amount of rain had fallen on Tuesday, and there being strong indications of a further downpour yesterday morning, grave doubts existed as to whether the authorities would close the Randwick grass tracks to trainers; but unexpectedly the magpie track was handed over to them, on condition that it be used only for fast work. Horses that were out for slow, or half-pace work, were debarred the use of it, and did their exercise on the tan and cinders. The weather was wintry, with a strong, cold wind from the south-west, that brought up with it occasional splashes of rain, but very little fell. The going, though good, was dull, and not favourable to the watch. A few fair gallops took place, but there were also a few grave disappointments. The most important failure was that of Iolaire who was in anything but a good humour. He refused to budge until a whip was brought in to requisition, and persuaded him to take his place on the track with War Star. Iolaire was ridden by the lightweight jockey S. Ferguson, his usual pilot, Cooper, having met with an accident on Tuesday, and is now an inmate of The Pines private hospital, suffering from strain. Iolaire and War Star ran in company for about four furlongs of the six set down for them, but, in the straight War Star had the Melbourne crack at his mercy, and beat him easily in 1m 20s. Proportion also went disappointingly with Artful. On Tuesday, Proportion carried Bolton, and, giving Artful a lump of weight, was pulling over her at the end of seven furlongs; but on this occasion the weights were reversed, Bolton riding Artful, while little Pike was on Proportion. The first half of a mile gallop was run at a fast rate, with Artful in front, and Proportion in trouble, and eventually the mare beat the colt by a length in 1m 48¼s. The Brewer was another that went indifferently. He was bracketed with Gaby for a nine furlongs gallop, and the former beat him by nearly 10 lengths in 2m 2s; then The Brewer went on alone for about a furlong and a half, but was very tired at the finish. Perkeo (Hickey) and Adriatic (a lightweight) fought out a close finish over a mile, Perkeo just prevailing in the end in 1m 50s; and Cross Battery beat Sea King over that distance in 1m 48s.

The best gallop of the morning, against the watch, was put up by Lord Nolan, who carried a very light weight over a mile in 1m 46¼s, a distance which Mooltan, with a medium weight up, ran in 1m 47s, and finished well. Monobel strode over a mile in 1m 51s. Parsee sprinted six furlongs brilliantly in 1m 19¼s, and had something in hand at the finish; while Soultline was not extended to run seven in 1m 34s. Golden Slipper beat Welcome Trist by six lengths over a mile in 1m 49s, and six furlongs in 1m 20¼s went down to Sir Aymer and Waipuna. Peru and King's Cross travelled a mile nicely in 1m 49s; while Five Crown and Black Mark covered six furlongs in 1m 20s. Blue Book ran nine furlongs in 2m 4s, the last eight in 1m 49¼s; while Lord Fitzroy and Vavasor accounted for a mile in 1m 50s. Maranui was out for a mile working gallop, and Heiro ran six furlongs in 1m 22¼s, a distance over which Mundolle took half a second longer. Eric ran five furlongs in 1m 4s, and Arlington six at a useful pace. Melodrama knocked off six furlongs in 1m 20s, a distance which occupied The Kite and Pantheon 1m 23s. Malt Rose beat Grand Vitesse over a mile in 1m 49¼s. Mother Goose was not fully extended over a mile, and Artillerie knocked off six furlongs stylishly in 1m 26s. Trentmoon traversed nine furlongs in 2m 4s, and six furlongs in 1m 23s went down to King Berry and Fille Fogt. Kyeadgerie and Call Boy spurted along the back, and Ryde led Minster over nine furlongs, a distance which Fascinator ran at his best pace. Plunder was not trying to make time over a mile; while Tilga and Ransom galloped usefully.

Hermes, Azurine, Epois, Queen's Medallist, Rayner, Toorumbee, Host, Graftnax, Dinyah, Marlee, and Maltour all galloped usefully, and Oboe ran five furlongs in 1m 7s, while Contango beat Coppertop over six in 1m 22s. Bawbee and Svalin got over a mile together in 1m 49s, while Poseidon did some half-pacing, and Orcus ran six furlongs in 1m 23s. A mile in 1m 52s was credited to Mentmore, and nine furlongs in 2m 6¼s was the best Seddon could do; while Salvadora was all out to run a mile in 1m 54¼s. Totolo went at a useful pace for six furlongs, a distance which La Patrie ran in 1m 22s. Lady Ruenalf, with M'Lachlan in the saddle, ran a mile, but the first two furlongs were done in little better than even time. At the six furlongs' post she was joined by a mate, and ran from there home in 1m 22¼s. Exsul administered a terrible beating to Oak Grafton, and Xanthippus, beating the pair over a mile by fully 50 lengths, in 1m 50s. Ariki and Chamade ran six furlongs nicely in 1m 22s. Mercury who arrived from Melbourne the previous day, did some easy pacing, and the New Zealander, Acolus, jumped half a dozen hurdles smartly. Virtu worked usefully on the cinders, over nine furlongs, and Beau Vive ran a mile on that rink in 1m 52¼s. Mr. William Brown's two-year-olds, Steppingstone, Hayfield, and Boebeeru, ran half a mile together in 54s, a distance which Brookong put past in 55s, while Gidyea and Simmerina left it behind in 52¼s, and Zythum beat Sequarius (Sequence-Splatter) over it in 54s.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

THE FINAL ACCEPTANCES.

Should the 11 acceptors for the A.J.C. Derby go to the post on Saturday, the field for the classic event will be one of the largest in the history of the race. That number started in 1869, when Charon carried the colours of Mr. Hurtle Fisher to victory; and in 1875 Mr. E. Jellett's colt Richmond was successful in a similar field. The Duke, under the livery of Mr. A. Thompson, won the blue ribbon of 1868 in a field of half a score. Mr. John Tait's Florence two years later, Mr. J. T. Ryan's Benvolio in 1873, and Mr. J. Silverberg's Woodlands in 1877; but in the meantime the maximum has been eight on four occasions, and the minimum three in 1878, when His Lordship, under the colours of Mr. E. De Mestre, was opposed by Vulcan and Woodlawn. With the exception of Mother Goose and The Brewer, who hail from Victoria, the Derby candidates are locally owned, and all, with the exception of Mother Goose and Golden Slipper, were bred in this State. The veteran Mr. John Mayo is represented by Lord Nolan, a near relative of the defunct Lord Cardigan, who credited the Maitland sportsman with the Melbourne Cup, 1903. Lord Nolan has one win to his credit, and Perkeo, Parsee, Baw Bee, Mother Goose, The Brewer, Ariki, and Golden Slipper have also caught the judge's eye; but Monobel, Vavasor, and The Kite are still maidens. The race is still very open, but Perkeo is most fancied for the classic honours in speculative circles. The withdrawal of Orcus from the classic race came as a surprise.

With 22 acceptors for the Epsom Handicap the field for the mile race promises to be up to the average in point of numbers, while quality is well in evidence. The largest field for the Epsom was in 1900, when Ampier, a 20 to 1 chance, won rather unexpectedly from 23 opponents. In 1894 Ushba was successful in a field of 30; Bungebah, in 1890, and Djin Djin nine years later, secured in fields of 29; while 28 went to the post in the Epsom secured by Marvel (1891), Hopscotch (1895), Sequence (1901), and Air Motor the following year. The smallest field in the history of the race was in 1872, when The Count credited Mr. John Tait with the prize, beating seven opponents. The contest on Saturday has an interstate flavour, inasmuch as representatives from Victoria, New Zealand, and Queensland will measure strides with the local contingent. New Zealand has Waipuna, Sea King, Soultline, and Artillerie to act on its behalf, [illegible] will do battle for Queensland; while Iolaire is the sole representative of Victoria. The local contingent includes Melodrama, Decollete, Heiro, Lady Ruenalf, Kyeadgerie, Eric, Malt Rose, Blue Book, Matchmaker, Maesmore, and Proportion, and with such talent engaged a most interesting race seems assured.

Of the original 131 candidates for the Metropolitan, 28 have escaped the scratching pen, and, in the event of all facing the barrier, the field, though considerably above the average, will not be a record one, for when Reviver carried Mr. W. R. Hall's livery to the front, in 1900, 31 took part in the race; the following year 29 followed San Fran past the post; while on three occasions 27 competed—when Cravat secured the stake in 1898, Cremona the following year, and Alias in 1904. It is, however, probable that there will be some defections after the first day's racing, though sweep considerations will assure a big field. As in the Epsom Handicap, Victoria will have only one representative, The Brewer, whose performance at the Hawkesbury meeting on Saturday last was not very encouraging; but Queensland will be represented by Plunder and Lady Wilde; and Cross Battery will act on behalf of New Zealand; while among the local brigade are such good performers as Mooltan, Melodrama, Peru, Legation, Lord Fitzroy, Welcome Trist, Kyeadgerie, Virtu, Maramic, Pharos, Eric, Blue Book, Baw Bee, and Perkeo.

The Breeders' Plate was instituted two years ago, when the New Zealander Boniform carried the late Mr. G. G. Stead's colours to victory in a field of 20; and last year Mr. W. Brown's Baw Bee was escorted home by 13 competitors. On this occasion 17 juveniles have cried content, the sires represented on the list being Haut Brion (imp.), San Francisco (imp.), Lancaster, Sir Foote (imp.), Simile (imp.), Flavus (imp.), Orzil (imp.), Maltster, Grafton (imp.), Holbrook, and Simmer (imp.). Amongst the youngsters are Lady San, a half-sister (by San Francisco) to Lady Wallace; Brookong, a full brother to Kilfera; Zilka, a full sister to The Owl; Amati, brother to Cello; and Maintenon, a brother to Lamora.

The final acceptances for the principal events of the A.J.C. Spring meeting were declared yesterday, as under:—

A.J.C. DERBY, of £2000—1½m.

Mr. John Mayo's b c Lord Nolan, by Positano (imp.)—Lady Lybia.

Mr. Jas. Brown's br c Monobel, by Positano (imp.)—Carronade.

Mr. W. A. Gee's ch c Perkeo, by Maltster—Gavotte.

Mr. E. Fraser's br c Vavasor, by Grafton (imp.)—Waihine.

Mr. Wm. Brown's b c Baw Bee, by Simile (imp.)—Chand Bee Bee (imp.).

Colonel Campbell's b c The Kite, by Orzil (imp.)—Carintha.

Mr. C. Jeffries' b c Parsee, by Metal (imp.)—Pona.

Mr. J. V. Smith's ch f Mother Goose, by Wallace—Morisca.

Mr. M. C. R. Bunbury's ch c The Brewer, by Maltster—Idalia.

Mr. D. O'Brien's b or br c Ariki, by Grafton (imp.)—Cello.

Mr. W. E. White's b f Golden Slipper, by Multiform—Aura.

EPSOM HANDICAP of £1000—1m.

	st lb		st lb
Waipuna	9 0	The Climax	7 10
Melodrama	9 0	Eric	7 10
Iolaire	9 0	Malt Rose	7 10
Plunder	8 12	Blue Book	7 7
Decollette	8 7	Lady Melena	7 7
Heiro	8 7	War Star	7 4
Lady Ruenalf	8 6	Maesmore	7 4
Kyeadgerie	8 4	Matchmaker	7 1
Sea King	7 13	Artillerie	7 0
Lady Wilde	7 12	Duma	6 10
Soultline	7 12	Proportion	6 7

THE METROPOLITAN, of £2500—1½m.

	st lb		st lb
Mooltan	9 2	Pharos	7 7
Melodrama	8 10	Eric	7 7
Peru	8 9	Malt Rose	7 4
Plunder	8 9	Blue Book	7 4
Legation	8 6	Dowdingstown	7 3
Lord Fitzroy	8 4	Baw Bee	7 0
Karasaud	8 3	Exsul	6 12
Welcome Trist	8 2	Svalin	6 11
Cross Battery	8 2	Lord Nolan	6 11
Kyeadgerie	8 1	Perkeo	6 11
Virtu	7 11	King's Cross	6 10
The Brewer	7 9	Mentmore	6 8
Maranui	7 7	Monobel	6 7
Lady Wilde	7 7	Proportion	6 7

A.J.C. BREEDERS' PLATE of £1500.

For two-year-olds.—5f.

Mr. Hunter White's b c Nadir, by Haut Brion (imp.)—Meridian (imp.).

Messrs. A. and G. A. Viver's b c Gidyea, by San Francisco (imp.)—Wilga.

Mr. J. F. Wynne's br f Nandillyan Maid, by Lancaster—Nowra Maid.

Mr. Wm. Brown's b c Steppingstone, by Sir Foote (imp.)—Wild Sport (imp.).

Mr. Wm. Brown's br or blk f Hayfield, by Simile (imp.)—Ceres.

Mr. F. Merton's br f Lady San, by San Francisco (imp.)—Lady Mestyn.

Mr. F. Merton's ch f Kuringai, by Flavus (imp.)—Velox.

Messrs. H. and P. Osborne's b c Brookong, by Orzil (imp.)—Kettledrum.

Mrs. Leonani's br c Malchester, by Maltster—Miss Clevedon.

Mr. W. T. Nowlan's br f Little Lill, by Maltster—Fusile.

Mr. John S. Brunton's ch f Acrospire, by Maltster—Leveday.

Hon. A. Wynne's br c Amati, by Grafton (imp.)—'Cello.

Mr. M. T. Carberry's br f Holly Isle, by Holbrook—Grit.

Mr. H. R. Denison's ch f Zilka, by Orzil (imp.)—Kirry.

Mr. J. C. Williamson's blk c Zythum, by Maltster—Eulas.

Mr. G. Gallimore's b c Maintenon, by Haut Brion (imp.)—Jersey Lily.

Mr. W. S. Andrew's blk c Squires, by Simmer (imp.)—The Toque.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Blucher and Quarta have been scratched for the Hunters' Steeplechase, and Enchanteur, Post Town, and Dunolly for all engagements in connection with the V.R.C. October meeting.

Knox and Martagon Crosse have been withdrawn from the Toorak Handicap. The scratchings for the Caulfield Guineas include Bawbee, The Brewer, Monobel, and Perkeo.

Beltana, who is trained at Caulfield, is suffering from a rather bad attack of influenza. The epidemic has gone through Grace's stable, no fewer than nine horses catching it in a lesser or greater degree; but they are all on the mend. There are still several horses coughing at Flemington; but Destinist is all right again.

ARMIDALE AND NEW ENGLAND CLUB.

ARMIDALE HANDICAP WON BY REFINER.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

The second day's racing of the Armidale and New England Jockey Club's Spring Meeting took place to-day, when the weather was not favourable, and the attendance, consequently, was about the same as on the previous day. Although the fields were small, the racing generally was good. Results:—

Railway Handicap of 20 sovs, about 6f.—Mrs. T. Cush's b h Golden Gate, by America—Acolyte mare, 1; C. E. White's ch g E.K.W., 2. Only two started. Betting: 6 to 4 on Golden Gate. Time, 1m 20s.

Armidale Handicap of 40 sovs, second horse 5 sovs from the prize, about 1m.—C. E. White's ch h Refiner, by Medallion—Chlorine, 1; Mrs. T. Cush's b h Golden Gate, 2; S. Layton's br g Demas (late Iaura), 3. Three started. Betting: 6 to 4 on Refiner, even money on Golden Gate, 5 to 1 v Demas. Time, 1m 39s.

Novice Handicap of 15 sovs, second horse 1 sov, 6f.—J. Cavanagh's blk m Clarionette, by Clarion—Wild Rose, 1; R. Marshall's b m Idamore, 2; J. Lander's b g Onyx, 3. Betting: 7 to 4 on Clarionette, 2 to 1 v Onyx, 4 to 1 v Idamore. Time, 1m 23 1-6s.

Hack Race of 5 sovs, 6f.—A. Puxty's br g Shay Boy, by Sir Anthony—Maybell, w.o.

Final Handicap of 15 sovs, second horse 1 sov, 7f.—A. Baker's blk m Brightie (late Bright Steel), by Havoc—Mineral, 1; R. Hector's ch g Electrum, 2; C. E. White's ch g E.K.W., 3. Betting: 5 to 4 on Brightie, 6 to 4 v Electrum, 2 to 1 v E.K.W. Time, 1m 34¼s.

WAGGA LICENSED VICTUALLERS' RACE CLUB.

FIRESTICK WINS USHER'S CUP.

WAGGA, Thursday.

The spring meeting of the Wagga Licensed Victuallers' Race Club was concluded to-day, when the weather was dull, but there was a good attendance, which was slightly better than on the opening day. The racing was very interesting, and some keen finishes were fought out. Usher's Cup provided a particularly good race, the topweights, Firestick and Morok, fighting out a splendid finish, Firestick winning by a narrow margin. The winner is a son of the Carbine horse Carbineer, and hails from Hay. His recent provincial form has been very attractive. Miratio won the Second Hurdles, in which the favourite, Zillah, fell at the third jump. Her rider, Leech, had a bad fall, and was taken to the Wagga Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain. His case, however, is not regarded as serious. In the last race Favo fell at the home turn, but the horse and rider fortunately escaped injury. The meeting was very successful from a financial standpoint, and the club will make a handsome profit.

Following are the results:—

Second Hurdle Race of £25, 2m.—W. H. Mate's Miratio, by Schimmel—Amazement, 9st 12lb (V. Evans), 1; Geo. Shaw's Alcido, 10st 6lb (H. Stuart), 2; L. Holmes' Nickel, 10st 1lb (W. Kelly), 3. Zillah, 12st 7lb (W. Leech), and Strabane, 9st (E. Howen), also ran. Betting: 6 to 4 on Zillah, 4 to 1 each v Miratio, Strabane, and Alcido. Zillah fell in the straight, and Strabane ran off at the riverside. Miratio and Alcido made the joint running until nearing the home turn, where the former drew away, and won comfortably by five lengths, while Nickel was a dozen lengths away third. Time, 3m 58s.

Trial Stakes of £10, 6f.—W. Ball's Ruffo, by Acumen—Lee Morna, 9st 9lb (E. Beaver), 1; L. Hyland's Mother Goose, 8st 7lb (A. Hyland), 2; F. M'Alister's Butterscotch, 7st 10lb (A. Fields), 3. Other starters: Frederica, 9st 6lb (E. Turner); Gruftonese, 7st 10lb (S. Heiner); Leith, 7st 8lb (N. Leech); Naughty, 7st 6lb (K. Doyle); Miss Gumbol, 7st 4lb (Barr). Betting: 2 to 1 each v Mother Goose and Frederica, 5 to 1 v Ruffo, 10 to 1 v others. Ruffo made the running, followed by Mother Goose and Frederica. In the straight a good race resulted, Ruffo winning by a head, with Butterscotch three lengths away third. Time, 1m 16¼s.

Usher's Cup of £50, 1m.—R. Stuart's Firestick, by Carbineer—Wildfire, 9st 10lb (H. Stuart), 1; R. Cruickshank's Morok, 9st 8lb (W. Black), 2; R. W. M'Kinnon's Dantzic, 8st 12lb (A. Price), 3. Other starters: Strella, 9st 7lb (M'Rae); Carreno, 7st 12lb (Hyland); Bonnabell, 7st 9lb (M'Kenzie); Intuition, 7st 7lb (Parkhurst); Red Jason, 7st 5lb (Doyle); Peep-bo, 7st 5lb (K. Turner); Lady Hurst, 6st 12lb (Duncan); Favo, 6st 9lb (Barr). Betting: Even money on Morok, 3 to 1 v Firestick, 8 to 1 v Carreno, 10 to 1 v others. Morok and Peep-bo made the early running, followed by Bonnabell, Dantzic, and Firestick. Morok led into the straight, but inside the rails was challenged by Firestick, and a splendid finish ended in a head win for the latter, while Dantzic was three lengths away third. Time, 1m 45s.

Highweight Handicap of £20, 7f.—J. J. M'Grath's Yuranigh's Daughter, by Yuranigh—Tan, 10st 5lb (A. Hyland), 1; Geo. Shaw's Alcido, 10st 6lb (E. Beaver), [illegible] verell, 9st (H. Leach), also ran. Betting: 2 to 1 on Yuranigh's Daughter, 5 to 1 bar one. Inverell and Fair Nell made the running into the straight, where Alcido and the favourite joined issue, and a splendid finish resulted in a half-head win for the favourite, with Fair Nell two lengths away third. Time, 1m 31s.

Wagga Newmarket Handicap of £30, 6f.—R. W. M'Kinnon's Jeannie Cameron, by Lochiel—Crocus, 8st 12lb (W. Black), 1; J. J. M'Grath's Carreno, 8st 6lb (A. Hyland), 2; F. J. Mitchell's Peep-bo, 7st 7lb (E. Turner), 3. Other starters: Cres O, 9st 2lb (Woods); Favo, 7st 7lb (Parkhurst); Red Bow, 7st 6lb (Doyle); Lady Hurst, 6st 13lb (Duncan); The Dude, 6st 10lb (Barr). Betting: 6 to 4 v Carreno, 2 to 1 v Jeannie Cameron, 6 to 1 v Peep-bo, 10 to 1 v others. Cres O made the running into the straight, where she was joined by Jeannie Cameron and Carreno, and a good race ended in a length win for Jeannie Cameron, two lengths between second and third. Lady Hurst was left at the post, and Favo fell near the home turn. Time, 1m 16s.

LISMORE TURF CLUB.

CUP WON BY TRUTHFUL.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The inaugural meeting of the Lismore Turf Club took place yesterday, when the weather conditions were unfavourable, as a thunderstorm passed over after the first race, followed by other light showers, rendering the track very heavy. The attendance was moderate, owing to the weather conditions.

A gold bangle given by the promoter to the lady placing the horses for the Lismore Cup, was won by Mrs. Spinks, the wife of the Mayor, and who placed the first two horses. Results:—

Visitors' Handicap of £20, 6f.—Athlone, by April Fool—Freedom mare, 8st 8lb, 1; Edina, 7st 7lb, 2; Noblesse, 8st 6lb, 3. Other starter: Truthful, 8st. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 19s.

Trial Handicap of £12, 6f.—Reine-de-Lis, by Roi-de-Lis—Phyllis, 8st 4lb, 1; Apricot, 9st 5lb, 2; Erin, 7st 12lb, 3. Other starters: Bloomfield, 8st 6lb; Bennie, 8st 4lb; True Lock, 8st; Noblest, 8st. Won by a neck. Time, 1m 23s.

Lismore Cup of £30, and a cup presented by Mr. E. Murphy, once round.—Truthful, by Playboy—Jessie's Dream, 7st 3lb, 1; Noblesse, 7st 10lb, 2; Cord, 7st 12lb, 3. Other starters: Athlone, 8st 11lb, inc. 15lb over; Pensive, 7st 4lb; Ella, 6st 9lb.

Dairyman's Handicap of £12, 6f.—Apricot, by April Fool, 9st 12lb, 1; Reine-de-Lis, 9st 3lb, 2; Noblelike, 8st 12lb, 3. Time, 1m 24¼s.

Clarence and Richmond Handicap of £16, 7f.—Pensive, by St. Blaise—Pense-a-moi, 7st 10lb, 1; Noblesse, 7st 10lb, 2; Truthful, 8st 8lb, 3. Other starters: Sirocco, 8st 7lb; Edina, 7st 7lb; Landmark, 7st; Lord Tartan, 6st 9lb. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 41¼s.

SALE OF BLOOD STOCK AT SINGLETON.

SINGLETON, Thursday.

Messrs. H. York and Sons held a sale of blood stock yesterday on behalf of Mr. Harry Browne and the executors of the late Mr. A. D. Browne. Buyers from Sydney, Maitland, Morpeth, and elsewhere were present, and satisfactory prices were realised. The brood mare Thea, by Sir William from Magdala, by Epigram, was purchased by Mr. Harvey Browne, of Sydney, for 36 guineas; br c, 2yrs, by Sir Tristram from Thea, Mr. R. Hamilton, Glendon Brook, 38 guineas; b f (yearling), by Positano (imp.) from Thea, Mr. P. M'Carthy, Morpeth, 67 guineas; b g, 3yrs, by Sir William from a jumping mare by Butler, Mr. Henry Brown, Jerry's Plains, 23 guineas; br m, 7yrs, by Prime Minister, Mr. A. B. Crothers, Maitland, 22½ guineas; b g, 2yrs, by Sir William from Tuscana, by Trenton, Mr. A. Reuben, Singleton, 33 guineas. On account of Messrs. W. and W. York:—Br f, 2yrs, by America, Mr. H. Waddell, Singleton, 14 guineas.

GOLF.

HUNTER'S HILL G.C.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Handicap Doubles for Mr. Lethbridge's Trophies. Mrs. Mackenzie and Mrs. Phillips, hcp. 8, 5 down. Mrs. Buckland and Miss Stopps, hcp. 14, 5 down. Mrs. Ranken and Mrs. Christian, hcp. 9, 8 down. Mrs. Lysaght and Miss Mackenzie, hcp. 22, 8 down. In the play-off of the first tie, Mrs. Mackenzie and Mrs. Phillips won.

UNIVERSITY G.C.

The annual championship meeting of the Sydney University Golf Club will be held on the Royal Sydney G.C. links, which have been placed at the disposal of the club, on October 7, 8, and 9. The club championship and a bogey handicap will be played. The bogey handicap will take place on Wednesday, October 7. Entries will be received by Mr. H. Wolstenholme, 14 Moore-street, up to Saturday. Of the entrants for the championship, the eight who return the best gross scores in the bogey handicap will qualify to play off. The second round of the championship (18 holes) will be played on Thursday, the 8th, the semi-finals (18 holes) on the following day, and the final (36 holes) on Saturday, October 10. On the day of the bogey competition the players will be the guests of Mr. Robert Smith at lunch and afternoon tea.

The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, after the bogey competition.

MARRICKVILLE v HUNTER'S HILL.

The Marrickville A team to meet Hunter's Hill at Marrickville on Saturday are:—R. Aitken, E. J. Doran, Dr. P. Sydney Jones, H. D. M'Leland, H. W. M'Lelland, A. Mills, J. Rowley, and J. E. Stokes.

Hunter's Hill B team have forfeited to Marrickville B in the match set down for Saturday next.

PARRAMATTA G.C.

The A team to represent Parramatta G.C. against Concord on the latter's links on Saturday, alphabetically arranged, are:—L. J. Bercheiman, Dr. Bowman, Dr. W. S. Brown, W. J. Morey, A. S. Oakes, C. G. Scouller, D. J. Thomas, F. W. Todhunter.

CRICKET.

NORTHERN DISTRICT C.A.

The first matches between clubs affiliated with the newly-formed Northern District Cricket Association will be commenced on Saturday. Each match will be allowed two Saturday afternoons. The draw is (the games will be played on the wickets of the club mentioned first):—Brush Farm v Ryde, Thornleigh B team v North Rocks, Beecroft v Thornleigh A team, Eastwood B team v Eastwood A team.

COMBINED JUNIORS v BURWOOD.

The following will represent the Combined Juniors against Burwood first grade on Saturday and Monday on the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2:—F. Storey (captain), S. Kelly, S. Wenholz, M. Dick, Payne, J. Keatin (Balmain and District C.A.); Thos. Roughley (Western Suburbs Churches C.U.), E. Burke, H. Keene (Metropolitan Churches C.U.); A. Cooper (St. George C.A.); E. Ryall (Eastern Suburbs C.A.).

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Victorian delegates on the Board of Control of Australian cricket, recently elected, are Messrs. Bean, Rush, and A. A. Aitken.

FOOTBALL.

INTER-UNION COMPETITIONS.

THE GAME IN THE COUNTRY.

The results of the inter-union competitions are:—

No. 1.—Far Northern Rivers: July 25, Tweed River defeated Lower Rivers at Lismore, by 6 to 3; Aug. 8, Tweed River drew with Clarence at Grafton, 3—3; Sept. 26, Clarence River forfeited to Tweed River, who won the competition.

No. 2.—Near Northern Rivers: July 11, Port Macquarie and Manning River drew, at Taree, 6—6. Aug. 1, Macleay defeated Bellinger, at Kempsey, 6—3. Sept. 12, Manning River defeated Port Macquarie, 5—3. Sept. 26, Manning defeated Macleay, at Taree, 9 to nil. Manning River won the competition.

No. 3.—Northern line. A group: Aug. 15, New England defeated Tenterfield, at Tenterfield, 15 to 3. Sept. 9, North Western defeated New England, 8 to 5, and won the competition.

No. 4.—Western Line and Branches:

A Group: August 8, Central Western defeated Macquarie at Orange, 31—0; September 12, Central Western defeated Lachlan at Forbes by 6 to 3; September 19, final, Central Western defeated Hartley at Orange, 18 to 0. Central Western won the competition.

B group: July 25, Northern drew with Liverpool Plains at Narrabri, 3—3. Sept. 12, Northern won from Liverpool Plains by forfeit. Aug. 15, Hunter defeated Central Northern at Tamworth, 21—14. Sept. 19, Hunter defeated Northern, at Maitland, 19 to 3. Final: Hunter defeated North-western, at Maitland, 20 to nil, and won the competition.

B group: July 25, Hartley Branch defeated Western Branch at Lithgow, 6—0; August 5, Hartley defeated Mudgee at Mudgee, 7—0. Hartley won in the B group.

No. 5.—Southern Line: July 18, Central Southern defeated Southern Border at Wagga, 11—0; July 22, South Western defeated Southern at Gundagai, 3—0; September 5, Central Southern defeated South Western at Goulburn, 6—0. Central Southern is, therefore, the winner of this competition.

No. 6.—South Coast and Berrima Competition: August 29, Illawarra defeated South Coast at Berry, 10—6. Illawarra won the competition.

Far South Coast Competition.—Candelo defeated Cobargo by 6 to nil. Candelo won the competition.

The following are the winning branches:—

Far Northern Rivers.—Tweed River.

Near Northern Rivers.—Manning River.

Northern Line.—Hunter District.

Western District.—Central Western.

Southern Line.—Central Northern.

South Coast and Berrima.—Illawarra.

Far South Coast.—Candelo.

The Central Western team has had a most successful season, as the following figures demonstrate. Against the following opponents they made the points named:—Holwoods, drawn, 11 to 11; Macquarie, 31 to 0; Lachlan, 24 to 0; Bathurst, 3 to 0; Newtown, drawn, 0 to 0; Macquarie, 31 to 0; Bathurst, 29 to 0; Lachlan, 6 to 3; Hartley, 18 to 0. Nine representative matches were played, of which the C.W.R.F.U. won 6, drew 2, and lost 1. They scored 132 points, against their opponents' 41, the figures proving their right to the title, the premiers of the West.

YASS, Wednesday.

Yass District Rugby Team defeated Harden Union representatives by 14 points to nil.

LAWN TENNIS.

STRATHFIELD TOURNAMENT.

It will be seen from the list of matches set down below that the programme for to-morrow's play is a varied and very attractive one:—

Allcomers' Singles.—1 o'clock (court 1), Pockley v Sly; court 2, Campbell v Gibbes; court 3, England v Rudder. 2 o'clock, court 2, Webb v Hicks; court 4, Doust v Brown. 2.45, court 3, A. H. Jones v Kidston; court 5, H. Harris v winner Pockley v Sly. 3.30, court 2, Rice v winner Campbell v Gibbes; court 4, Parker v C. O. Anderson.

Allcomers' Doubles.—2.45, court 1, Hicks-Dugald v Parker v Bowker. 3.30, court 3, Mackenzie-E. O. Anderson v Clark-Goddard. 4.15, court 1, Rice-Campbell v Kidston-Browne; court 2, Webb-Colquhoun v R. O. and C. O. Anderson.

Ladies' Allcomers' Doubles.—2 o'clock, court 3, Mrs. Colquhoun-Miss Gardiner v Misses Griffiths-Ritchie.

Ladies' Doubles' Handicap.—2.45, court 4, the Misses Lee v Misses Day-Beer.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Double Handicap.—1 o'clock, court 4, Dickens-Miss Minnett v Hammond-Miss Free (to finish). 2 o'clock, court 1, Dunlop-Miss O'Brien v E. O. Anderson-Miss Bennard. 2.45, court 2, Carr-Miss Baker v Skipper-Miss Cook. 3.30, court 1, Doust-Miss Griffiths v Cameron-Miss Stoltenhoff; court 5, Johnson-Miss F. Stoltenhoff v Bunting-Miss Hayes. 4.15, court 3, Hicks-Miss Gardiner v A. H. Jones-Miss Jones.

Gentlemens' Double Handicap, No. 1.—1 o'clock, court 4, Maguire-Monahan v Kilgour-Robinson (to finish). 2 o'clock, court 5, Mackenzie-R. O. Anderson v Cameron-Johnson. 2.45, court 6, Ewing-A. W. Jones, v Gibbes-Sly. 3.30, court 6, Roseby-Hoskins v Kidston-Harris. 4.15, court 5, Doust-E. O. Anderson v Clark-Goddard. 5 o'clock, court 5, Colquhoun-Webb v Parker-Balch. 5 o'clock, court 7, Browne-Young v Dixon-Doyle.

Gentlemen's Single Handicap, No. 1.—1 o'clock, court [illegible] Watson. 4.15, court 4, Carr v C. Harris; court 5, Cameron v Hotton. 5 o'clock, court 1, Kidston v England; court 2, R. Harris v Hicks.

Gentlemen's Single Handicap, No. 2.—1 o'clock, court 6, Crane v Mercer. 2 o'clock, court 6, Baker v Birkmyre; court 7, Dixon v Ritter. 2.45, court 7, Jack v Rose. 3.30, court 7, Terrey v Salwey. 4.15, court 7, Russell v Lenthall. 5 o'clock, court 3, Roxburgh v W. H. Ford; court 4, A. W. Jones v Bradshaw; court 6, Wilshire v B. Ford.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

LEAGUE NOTES.

The Dubbo Club has decided to hold a race meeting on October 26. The following will the principal contests:—Half-mile Handicap, Consolation Mile.

The Forbes Hospital sports will take place on October 6. Many prominent Sydney riders have agreed to participate.

For the Eight-hour sports carnival to be decided at the Agricultural Ground this month many prominent riders have arrived. Others expected are:—H. C. Thomas, P. B. Quinlan, E. A. Pye, A. J. Davis, D. J. Plunkett, B. P. Kelt, F. L. Millard, etc.

MOTOR BOATING.

Following are the handicaps for the motor boat race to be decided at the St. George's regatta on Monday:—Loombah, scr; Yvonne, 7m bhd; Petrel, 8m 30s bhd; Federal, 12m 30s bhd; White Star, 12m 40s bhd; Elsie, 16m 30s bhd; Gracie, 17m 45s bhd; Dawn, 17m 55s bhd; Blue Bell, 23m bhd; 116, 24m bhd; Invincible, 30m bhd.

ATHLETICS.

N.S.W. A.A.A.

A council meeting of the N.S.W. A.A.A. was held on Wednesday at the Sports Club. The East Sydney A.A.C. was granted sanction to hold a sports meeting on October 24. The Highland Society asked the association to arrange a programme for its meeting on New Year's Day. Open orders were offered to the total of £30 5s, and the following programme was agreed to:—

100 yards championship of New South Wales, 880 yards championship of New South Wales, 120 yards hurdle handicap, one mile walk handicap, one mile flat handicap, putting the 16lb shot handicap, and 120 yards handicap.

The secretary of the interstate conference reported that resolutions had been referred to the interstate associations for approval, to the effect that an interstate cross-country championship of teams from New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, and Queensland be held annually in August over five miles, the race to be held in the following order:—1909, Tasmania; 1910, Queensland; 1911, Victoria; 1912, New South Wales. All arrangements should be made by the State in which the championship is contested; teams not to exceed nine, first six to count, and the course to be approved by a representative of each competing State prior to the race.

Two runners were declared to have forfeited their amateur status for taking part in a tramway road race with professionals.

SWIMMING.

SYDNEY CLUB.

The twenty-third annual general meeting of the Sydney Club will be held, as advertised, this evening at the Sports Club, Hunter-street, Sydney. In addition to the ordinary business, several notices of motion have been given dealing with matters of interest to swimmers, such as inter-club contests, week-end country excursions, and encouragement of junior swimming.

THE GUN.

LISMORE, Thursday.

A pigeon match for £100 a side between D. J. Batey, of Byron Bay, and E. Howell, of Lismore, was shot on the ground to-day, and resulted in a tie, the scores being each 34 birds, 9 seconds, 16 misses. A singular thing being that the result was a tie in every instance.

A sweepstakes was also shot. Results were:—No. 1: J. Boyle, 24 yards, L. Everingham, 21 yards, each killing 7, divided. No. 2: L. Everingham, 27 yards, R. J. Howell, 27 yards, each 9, divided. No. 3: L. Everingham, 28 yards, R. J. Boehme, 24 yards, each 8, divided.

Mr. Everingham, who came from Grafton as referee for the match, shot 25 birds without a miss, only using the second barrel thrice.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The "leg-in" for the Gun Club trophy at the quarterly shoot of the Wellington Gun Club was won by H. V. Harris, who also divided the optional sweep with J. N. Smith. Both sportsmen shot splendidly. Harris brought down 27 consecutive birds, and did not have a miss against his name while on his mark.

BILLIARDS.

CITY TATTERSALL'S NO. 2 TOURNAMENT.

The above was continued last night, with the following results:—F. Lynch (rec. 100) beat C. Delves (rec. 100) by 1; W. South (rec. 140) beat A. Johnstone (rec. 145) by 7. The games for to-night are:—F. Sharp (rec. 90) v H. Abrahams (rec. 80); N. Levy (rec. 70) v M. Daley (rec. 75).

NEWCASTLE.

COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Sheila, s, for Stettin, via Albany, with 517 tons bunkers; Ouraka, s, for Melbourne, with 1880 tons coal; Mermerus, sh, for Antofagasta, with 2418 tons coal; Tabor, s, for Coronel, F.O., with 6363 tons coal; Ascot, s, for U.K., via Pirie, with 1590 tons coal; John Cooke, sh, for Caleta Colosa, with 2952 tons coal.

SHIPPING FOR THE QUARTER.

The quarterly report supplied by the Navigation Department, showing the amount of shipping visiting the port for the quarter ended September 30 and a comparative return covering the same period last year, gives the following figures:—

	1907. Arrivals.	1907. Departures.	1908. Arrivals.	1908. Departures.
July	470	473	415	410
Aug.	477	479	385	402
Sept.	437	418	424	418
Totals	1384	1370	1224	1230

The aggregate tonnage for the same period of this year was as follows:—July: State trade, 83,716; interstate trade, 87,390; oversea, 168,397. August: State trade, 69,287; interstate trade, 91,253; oversea trade, 158,343. September: State trade, 77,726; interstate trade, 86,482; oversea trade, 187,050.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

The amount of revenue collected at the Customs-house, Newcastle, for the quarter ended September 30 was as follows:—Harbour and lights, £2620; pilotage, £4277; removals, £1276; duty and excise, £25,124; ad valorem, £17,279; miscellaneous, £312 10s. Total, £50,889.

THE MONTH'S COAL TRADE.

Notwithstanding the slackness in the shipping trade in the port during the past few months, the coal export for September shows a gratifying improvement over that for the same month last year. This is principally due to the increased number of tramp steamers which have visited the port of late. The total increase last month over September of last year was 15,938 tons. Of the total amount exported from the port, Commonwealth and New Zealand ports received 174,168 tons, whilst 179,198 tons were sent to foreign destinations. The principal buyers of Newcastle coal were the following:—Victoria, 66,050 tons; New Zealand, 44,278 tons; South Australia, 40,630 tons; Tasmania, 11,820 tons; Queensland, 7640 tons; Western Australia, 2750 tons; Philippines, 47,027 tons; Chili, 31,709 tons; India, 23,270 tons; Java, 19,208 tons; Fiji, 16,155 tons; United States, 14,410 tons; Guam, 6455 tons; Straits Settlements, 14,154 tons; Germany, 2100 tons; United Kingdom, 2050 tons; Ocean Island, 1810; Solomon Islands, 750 tons; New Caledonia, 160 tons.

QUESTION OF A TRADE MARK.

APPLICATION TO VICTORIAN FULL COURT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The State Full Court to-day commenced the hearing of an application on the part of Messrs. Lever Bros., of Sydney, soap and candle manufacturers, to have removed from the Victorian "Register of Trade Marks" a mark registered by Messrs. G. Mowling and Sons, of Melbourne, soap and candle manufacturers.

The latter have registered the mark "Sun" in respect of candles in Victoria, and that mark is still on the Victorian register. Mowling and Sons made application to the Commissioner of Patents for the Commonwealth to register this mark in respect of the Commonwealth, and Lever Bros. opposed their application.

Then Lever Bros. made the present application to the Full Court to have Mowling and Sons' mark removed from the Victorian register, alleging that it was calculated to deceive the public and make them believe that they were purchasing Lever Bros.' goods, which were sold under the registered mark "Sunlight," accompanied by the device of two suns on the label. This mark, however, though registered for a class of goods, including candles, was not in practice used in connection with the candles sold by Lever Bros.

Lever Bros. contended that their goods had in use become known as "Sun" goods, and that "Sun" candles would be considered as of their manufacture.

Mowling and Sons make a counter application to have Lever Bros.' marks "Sunlight," "Sunshine," "Sunbeam," "Sunbright," and "Sunrise" removed from the register in respect of candles, inasmuch as Lever Bros. do not trade in candles in Victoria.

The case stands part heard.

BUSH FIRES AT HUGHENDEN.

HUGHENDEN, Thursday.

Several bush fires occurred during the week in this district. Glendower station having been almost completely burnt out. Very great danger in this direction will exist until sufficient [illegible]

CASUALTIES.

ACCIDENT AT A MINE.

Charles Warren, 16, a clipper, employed at the Helensburgh mines, on the South Coast, was working at the mines yesterday, when he slipped and fell, a truck passing over his right thigh and fracturing it. He was temporarily attended to by the doctor at the mines, and was afterwards removed to Sydney by train. The Civil Ambulance conveyed the injured youth from Sydney Railway Station to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where he was admitted.

FELL FROM A TRAIN.

YOUNG MAN'S DEATH.

MURRURUNDI, Thursday.

The young man, William Donaldson Prentice, who is supposed to have fallen out of a railway carriage close to Blandford station yesterday died in the hospital about 6 o'clock this morning, never regaining consciousness. An inquest was held by the Coroner (Mr. Juchau), in the afternoon. From particulars gleaned it appears that Prentice, who was a single man, 21 years of age, emigrated from Glasgow 12 months ago, and has since been residing in the city with persons named Martin. He received an appointment in the electrical branch of the railways five months ago. On Tuesday he received orders to go to Murrurundi. He boarded the Glen Innes train, and was not missed out of the train. In fact, his luggage went right to Glen Innes. The driver of a goods train two hours later discovered the body lying on the left side of the line, much cut about the face, chest, legs, and a nasty wound on the forehead. The opinion of Dr. Fullerton was that death was due to compression of the brain. Prentice had taken out an insurance policy for £100 in the A.M.P. Society in July last. His parents reside at Dundas-street, Glasgow. He has no relatives in Australia. The inquest was adjourned till Monday next, to allow the driver, fireman, and guard of the goods train and other witnesses to attend.

The funeral was held late this afternoon, the Rev. J. C. Davidson, Presbyterian minister, conducting the service.

COLLIERY ACCIDENTS.

CESSNOCK, Thursday.

At the Aberdare Colliery yesterday a machine man, named James M'Ewan, was injured by a fall of coal while working at the coal face. His injuries consisted of abrasions to the head, shoulder, and chest. An artery was severed on his forehead, and after being attended to by Dr. Fisher, the colliery doctor, M'Ewan was sent to the Maitland Hospital. A young man named Jack Evans, who is also a machine man, had a foot badly crushed while engaged in following his occupation.

DROWNED IN PEEL RIVER.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The Coroner held an inquest this morning on the body of Frederick James Wilson, which was found in the Peel River on Tuesday. Evidence was to the effect that deceased left his home at Granville, near Sydney, on Sunday evening for Tamworth, on a business visit. He entered into negotiations on Monday with a local firm of auctioneers for the purchase of a property near Attunga, and was seen at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning at the river. A couple of hours later his body, fully dressed, was found further down the stream. Of late deceased had complained of his heart, and was subject to faintness. The Coroner recorded an open verdict. Deceased, who was 46 years of age, leaves a widow and three children.

THROWN FROM A BUGGY.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

A young man, Thomas Pollard, son of William Pollard, storekeeper, met with a serious accident yesterday evening. His sister had been married in the morning, and Pollard was returning after driving guests to their homes. He was driving a fast pair of horses in a sociable. Turning into Cressy-street, he collided with a treeguard at the street corner, overturning the vehicle, and hurling him violently against the kerb. He was removed to the hospital, when it was ascertained that his skull had been fractured in three places, besides fractures of both collarbones, several ribs, and one leg. A young man named Kenneth Moltine, who was also in the vehicle, escaped with minor injuries to the face and a severe shaking.

STATE REVENUES.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Victorian revenue for the first quarter of the present financial year is less than for the same period last year by £218,808. This big decrease is due wholly to the fall in the returns of Customs revenue made by the Commonwealth to the State, as there was a slight advance in the general revenue derived from State sources. For the first quarter of last year the Commonwealth returned to Victoria £726,747 from its Customs receipts. This time it has given back only £462,475. The total revenue for the State from July 1 to September 30 in 1907 was £2,070,000; while for the same period this year it has been £1,781,262. The returns from income tax decreased to the extent of £7316. There was an increase of £74,779 in probate duties, and of £38,164 in railway receipts.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The revenue of Queensland for September was £619,726, a decrease of £4645 as compared with the same month last year. The principal decrease was £23,156 in amount received from the Commonwealth. Increases: Territorial, £12,672; railways, £5550. The expenditure for the month was £330,818, an increase of £7093 as compared with the same month last year. The principal increase was: Home Secretary, £12,242; and decrease, lands, £8342. The revenue for the three months was £1,259,971, an increase compared with the same period of 1907 of £40,723. Increases: Amount received from the Commonwealth, £8189; territorial, £15,744; railways, £13,738; other receipts, £5203. Taxation decreased £2141. The expenditure for the three months was £744,262, an increase of £119,839. The principal increase was: Chief Secretary, £12,620; Home Secretary, £23,155; railways, £76,510. The excess revenue for the three months over expenditure was £515,108 15s 5d, compared with £594,225 15s for the same period of 1907.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The approximate revenue return for the September quarter shows the receipts to be £773,000, which is nearly £17,000 less than the income during the corresponding period last year. The principal contributors to the shortage are:—Federal returns, £12,700; railways, £10,800; and land and income tax, £9700. On the other hand probate and succession duties increased by £22,800. The statement is devoid of significance, but it establishes a record because the Under-Treasurer had to leave the estimated year's revenue columns blank on account of the Treasurer not yet having delivered his Budget speech.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

The financial returns issued to-day show the total revenue for September to be £287,895; and the expenditure £281,411; or a surplus of £6484 on the month. The revenue for the quarter ended with the month of September was £761,657, and the expenditure £771,242. Allowing for a small saving on the month, the accumulated deficit has been reduced to £280,681.

MURRAY WATERS AGREEMENT.

The Premier announced in the Legislative Assembly last evening that he had during the afternoon received a letter from the Premier of Victoria, asking for a conference with South Australia on three points in the draft agreement between New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia respecting the Murray River.

The points were:—(1) To reduce the minimum amount of 75,000,000,000 cubic feet which, after locking, South Australia is entitled to under the agreement; (2) fix the maximum liability by way of contribution in money on the part of Victoria and New South Wales; and (3) if the locking of the rivers is not completed within the specified period of ten years, over all the rivers proposed to be locked, and in the event of New South Wales and Victoria requiring a larger division than the agreement admits of for irrigation purposes, there should be a right to Victoria and New South Wales to divert more water.

He had been requested to inform Mr. Price, the Premier of South Australia, of the three points taken, and to ask him to agree to a conference to discuss them.

When asked if he had seen in the press certain statements made by Mr. Price, the Premier said he had received no communication from the South Australian Premier so far. However, he had wired and written to Mr. Price, which would doubtless bring things to a head in a day or two.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Government, in reply to Mr. Wade's telegram regarding the Murray waters, said that the Government hope that a conference will be held as early as possible. Mr. Wade's telegram will be taken into consideration at the Cabinet meeting on Monday.

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FUNERALS.

BRENNAN.—The Funeral of the late MARY ELLEN BRENNAN will leave her late residence, Trieste, Belmore-road, Randwick, THIS DAY (Friday), at 2 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
CHARLES KINSELA,
Funeral Director,
Belmore-road, Randwick.

BROWN.—The Funeral of the late Mr. WILLIAM BROWN will move from our Funeral Parlours, 10 Castlereagh-street, city, THIS FRIDAY, at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, city, and 236 Miller-street, N. Sydney. Tel., 875.

BURTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM F. F. BURTON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Constance; to leave their residence, 51 George-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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CHRISTIE.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES CHRISTIE (late of Glebe) are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE; to leave her parents' residence, Flora-street and Canterbury-road, Belmore, THIS DAY, at 3.30, for Belmore Cemetery.
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CHRISTIE.—The Friends of Miss MYRTLE HUDSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved SISTER, Mrs. Daphne Christie; to leave their residence, Flora-street and Canterbury-road, Belmore, THIS DAY, at 3.30, for Belmore Cemetery.
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CHRISTIE.—The Friends of Mrs. HUDSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Mary O'Brien; to leave Lloyd's Hotel, Brumby-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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DENSON.—The Friends of Mrs. ALFRED ALBERT DENSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND (late of 85 King-street, city); to leave 264 Bulwarra-road, Ultimo, TO-MORROW (Saturday), at 1.30, for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, city, 54 D'Arcy-rd., Tel., 875.

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Tel., 1160, etc. 472-484 Harris-street.

GORDON.—The Friends of Mrs. T. GORDON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Thomas P. P. Gordon; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 61 Oxford-street (foot of Barracks), THIS DAY (Friday), at 3 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. By request, no flowers. CHAS. KINSELA.

GORDON.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE GORDON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved BROTHER, Thomas P. P. Gordon; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 61 Oxford-street (foot of Barracks), THIS DAY (Friday), at 3 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. By request, no flowers. CHAS. KINSELA.

HARVEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. STEVENS and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Margaret Harvey; to leave their residence, Northfleet, Vernon-street, Strathfield THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.15 p.m., for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Strathfield station.
F. J. FIELD, Funeral Director, Ashfield, T., 145 A.

MARTIN.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE DOUGLAS MARTIN are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his sister's residence, 14 Percival-road, Stanmore, at 9 o'clock, THIS MORNING, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham station. By request, no flowers.
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MARTIN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. GLOVER and Miss CLARA MARTIN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved BROTHER, George Douglas Martin; to move from their residence, 14 Percival-road, Stanmore, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Petersham station, thence to C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. By request, no flowers.
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MARTIN.—The Friends of Miss M. A. NICHOLS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved FRIEND, George Douglas Martin; to move from 14 Percival-road, Stanmore, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Petersham station, thence to Necropolis. By request, no flowers.
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O'BRIEN.—The Friends of Mr. J. O'BRIEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE; to leave Lloyd's Hotel, Brumby-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Belmore Cemetery.
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O'BRIEN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL GEGAN and Messrs. JAMES and NICHOLAS GEGAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Mrs. Mary O'Brien; to leave Lloyd's Hotel, Brumby-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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STACEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. TUCKER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Frances Margaret (Cissie) Stacey; to leave their residence, 27 Bellevue-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY.

STACEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FRANK GREGAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Frances Margaret (Cissie) Stacey; to leave 27 Bellevue-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY.

STACEY.—The Friends of Messrs. WILLIAM, REGINALD, HERBERT, and THOMAS GREGAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Mrs. Frances Margaret (Cissie) Stacey; to leave 27 Bellevue-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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TRENCH.—The Friends of the late ROBERT LE POER TRENCH, late Inspector of Public Watering Places, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from the Mortuary Station THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 9.15, for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, city, 54 D'Arcy-rd., Tel., 875.

WALKER.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES B. WALKER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE; to leave her residence, 81 Watkin-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45, for the Necropolis, via Mortuary station.
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WALKER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. BREWER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER, Mrs. MARGARET WALKER; to leave 81 Watkins-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45, for the Necropolis.
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WALKER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. PAYNTER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER, Mrs. Margaret Walker; to leave 81 Watkins-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45, for the Necropolis, via Mortuary station.
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